

Prevent property damage

Curb locations can be difficult to see in deep or drifting snow. To help our drivers prevent lawn damage, place a survey flag behind the back of the curb. They're available at many hardware stores and online retailers.

Keep snowmen and snow forts away from the curb, and don't build them on snow banks on the edge of the road. Plows often return to push snow further back on the curb.

Always park your vehicle in your driveway — not in the street — during a snow event, and remove structures like portable basketball goals. Obstacles in the road slow down snow removal.

How we tackle snow removal

Winter storms are unique. The density and depth of snow, temperatures before and after the storm, winds and equipment and staffing availability (especially during a pandemic) all impact the amount of time it takes to clear our roads.

First we clear major streets with high traffic volumes to enable safe access for emergency services. Lower traffic neighborhood streets are plowed afterward. It's our goal to have snow and ice cleared from city streets within 48 hours of the storm's end.

During winter weather events, you can find periodic updates on our street treatment progress at Lenexa.com/Snow and our social media accounts.

If after 48 hours following the storm you believe your street was missed, call 913.477.7880.



STORIES BEHIND STREET NAMES

Article courtesy of the Lenexa Historical Society

If we pay attention, history can warn us. But happily, it can also inspire us. The stories behind any of Lenexa's street names can do just that: inspire.

The first territorial governor of Kansas, Andrew Reeder, has a northeast Lenexa street named in his honor:

Reeder Street.

William Lackman built the beautiful Victorian home which currently houses the Lenexa Chamber of Commerce at College Boulevard and **Lackman Road.**

Lingle Lane is named for Johnna Lingle, Lenexa's first female mayor. She later became a Johnson County commissioner.

Bluejacket Street is named for Charles Bluejacket, a Shawnee Indian who came to Kansas in 1832 and became a highly respected Methodist minister.

Caenen Lake Road is named for Remi Caenen, a farmer, stockman and home developer who came from Belgium as a baby. He built the imposing Caenen Castle at Johnson Drive and Caenen Street in Shawnee.

Alden Road is named for William Alden, who donated land for the Greenwood School.

Gillette Street is named after H.D. Gillette, who started Lenexa's first blacksmith shop. He came to Lenexa one year after its 1869 platting.

Renner Boulevard is named for Adam and Anna Renner, farmers who arrived in Johnson County 11 years before Kansas became the 34th state and 146 years before Lenexa City Center was envisioned along the boulevard bearing their name.

Bradshaw Drive is named for Charles Bradshaw, one of Lenexa's founders. He and his wife Sarah owned 160 acres at the northwest corner of 95th Street and Noland Road. Lenexa's original town site was carved from their property.

While we're on the subject of names: According to an 1892 Olathe Mirror news article, Lenexa was supposed to have been named **Trenton** after Bradshaw's hometown in Illinois. Of course, that did not happen, and our town has a truly unique name.



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