

Quarterly Neighborhood Performance Report - Quarter Two (November-January) Due Feb. 10

Neighborhood East Lawrence

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Each Neighborhood is required to have at least quarterly meetings. (minutes must be attached.)	Meeting Date #1	<u>11/6/2017</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>Yes</u>
	Meeting Date #2	<u>12/5/2017</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>Yes</u>
	Meeting Date #3	<u>1/8/2018</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>Yes</u>
How was the neighborhood notified of the meeting(s)? (check all that apply)	email	<u>X</u>		
	newsletter	<u>X</u>		
	other announcement? (please specify)	<u>twitter and facebook</u>		
Officer elections this quarter? (if so, attach list of new officers)	Yes (X)	No		
Each Neighborhood is encouraged to produce regular newsletters.	Date of Newsletter	<u>11/1/2017</u>	Copy Attached? (required)	<u>1/1/2018</u>

Also to be attached: _____

Neighborhood activity list for the quarter, including method of notification as well as estimated attendance. (Required)

Best practices in regard to neighborhood events that can be shared with other neighborhood associations. Provide information on outreach, event, and outcome. (recommended). Over this quarter we adopted a low income family for Christmas, held a wrapping party and interacted with neighborhoods and the City on numerous occasions, sharing newsletters e-news and personal communications on issues important to all, including the Downtown Grocery Store, Lawrence Loop and the arts center grant.

Any other information your neighborhood association feels will be information that will help to provide a clear view of your neighborhood associations accomplishments. (recommended). In addition to our regular meetings we participated at the Annual New York School MLK Chili Feed. We helped with setup, cleanup and getting the word out during inclement weather. We are working with the arts center on a solution for how to spend the last of their Artplace Grant. We also attend numerous civic and city functions offering our comments to help shape City government. We also had a volunteer hand deliver Jan. newsletter to save on costs.

ELNA Minutes – November 06, 2017

Present: Mike Anderson, Pam Blackburn, Phil Collison, Josh Davis, Lane Eisenbart, KH, Eric Jay, Chris Lempa, Dave Loewenstein, Aaron Paden, Catherine Reed, Cindy Suenram , KT Walsh

Frank Janzen, Brenda Nunez, Joe Bickford, Nicky Proudfoot, Judy Romero, Kristin Morland, Lisa Larsen

Meeting called to order by Phil Collison. No minutes available.

The election rules were discussed. Phil noted that since the number of people running was equal to the number of positions, it would be simpler to accept the slate. Josh Davis NY moved to accept the slate. Cindy seconded. All members were eligible to vote. Motion passed.

Officer elections followed. Phil was elected president (nominated by Aaron). Aaron was elected vice-president (nominated by Eric). Catherine was elected secretary (nominated by KT).

The CDBG grant application is due soon. A committee was formed to write it including Phill, Aaron, KH, Lane, Chris. A reminder to all, scotch tape is needed for the wrapping party.

Catherine brought up that the Wishing Bench is in need of repair. The base of the structure is rotting and is a safety hazard. Eric said he would take a look to see what is needed. The ownership of the bench was discussed as well as possible alternative locations. A committee was formed: Catherine, Pam, Eric.

Cindy Maude from LAC spoke about next steps for the Lawrence Arts Grant. Dave, Cindy, Josh (NY) will come up with a proposal for utilizing the remaining funds. They will report progress next month. Cindy reiterated that ArtPlace wants a successful project and hopes the neighborhood will collaborate. KH moved to set up the above committee. Chris seconded. Motion passed.

Downtown Grocery store project now has a revised plan. They will be meeting with the RI neighbors this weekend. The project will go back to the HRC in December.

Treasurer Report: bank balance \$2901.82

Coordinator Report: River cleanup was successful and had a good turnout. Met with Women of Color to look at Hobbs Park House in preparation for November Final Friday. Needs a bit of cleaning.

Brenda says it is not quite time to get the Adopt A Family. She will let everyone know when the families are available.

Cindy moved to adjourn the meeting. Chris seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

ELNA minutes January 8 2018

New York School Library, New York Elementary 936 New York St

Present: Aaron Paden, Catherine Reed, Christine Kosirog, Cindy Maude, Cindy Suenram, Cody Bates, Dave Loewenstein, Eric Jay, Frank Janzen, Jacki Becker, Jennifer Distlehorst, John Sebelius, Joshua Davis, Judy Romero, Katie Clagett, KH, KT Walsh, Lane Eisenbart, M. Davidson, Mike Anderson, Mike Logan, Ramon Romero, Vanessa Reynaga, Verdell Taylor, Jr., Cynthia Trask, Nicholas Ward, Connie Fiorella Fitzpatrick, Tif Francis, Bruce Eggers, John A. Gascon, Stephen T. Johnson, Angie Ayrault, John Naramore, Jacque Counts

Meeting called to order by Aaron Paden.

1. Introductions

Plea from secretary that speakers be definite

2. November, December minutes were approved

a. CDBG quarterly report, meetings attended added to sheet by board members.

3. Guests

a. Barbara Higgins Dover -- RiverKings Museum

The museum is looking for a permanent home, ideally in the Lawrence East Bottoms, about 10 x 12 ft in an existing structure. Must be donated space, not rented, as occasional very small grants are the only funding sources. Van Go, the quonsets, the Brewery and the Amtrak station were suggested. There will be walking tours in the spring. A film now being presented along the river records the activities of commercial fishermen along the Kaw from 1870 to 1970.

Aaron suggested ongoing discussion of the museum. We can follow Kansas River Kings Museum on Facebook and watch the film, and ELNA can promote the museum and show the film at the Yart Sale.

b. Food Truck Festival May 5. Elizabeth Keever showed a map of the area. Ninth St will not be closed. It's a fundraiser for Just Food, most of whose budget comes from donations and fundraisers. Volunteers are needed, contact Elizabeth. Josh Davis will write a support letter to the city by Feb. 6.

4. New Business/ In-depth discussion

b. Wishing Bench -- fundraising for repair campaign

Lane organized a GoFundMe campaign which was publicized by the Journal World. The goal was \$650, which was achieved, many people gave \$20 or \$50, Allen Press CEO donated \$230. Cottins will donate hardware. The money has been transferred to a PayPal account for transparency. Eric Jay can do the work with the help of 4 volunteers. Eric will set the date.

a. Arts Center Grant Update -- Dave Loewenstein, Cindy Maude, Joshua

Davis

This is not related to street construction, but to the use of the \$332,658.00 ArtPlace grant to create something special for Lawrence. The draft of that proposal can be found here:

<http://www.eastlawrence.com/rebuilding-east-ninth-street-together/>

Comments and questions about the proposal can be emailed to Cindy Maude at: ninthstreet@lawrenceartscenter.org

By Dave L.: At this time the group is listening to stakeholders, identifying fundamental issues, planning for research to be led by artists and neighbors regarding the history, culture and spirit of East Lawrence, and developing pathways to cocreation based on open communication among city groups. Next will be a process of reflection, evaluation and documentation, similar to that used by the Rocket Grants program in Kansas City.

By Cindy M.: the 5 original artists plus 10 more will prepare proposals to be evaluated by 3 jurors, including an artist, an East Lawrence resident, and a person from outside of Lawrence. Youth assistants will be hired to help them. Resident specialists and a grants administrator will oversee the program. Of the grant,

\$207,500 will go to artists (15 artists total)

\$110,000 will go to administrators

\$ 25,500 for miscellaneous costs

Timeline: November/December research, January presentation, February final presentation, March hire project facilitator. The work must be completed by June 2020.

It will be a challenge to find an administrator, but the Arts Center can do this. Now is the time for the public to submit comments and questions.

A lengthy discussion followed.

Q: What are strategies to make the process of artist selection inclusive? A: The committee will focus on what's special about E. Lawrence.

Q: Who will have creative control? A: That will depend of the facilitator.

Q: Will Porter Arneill be involved in the process? A: To some extent.

Q: Work on St. Luke Church could bring residents together.

Q: How will listening be different this time? Can we use previous comments? A: That will depend on the facilitator. The facilitator should be in place in 2 months.

Q: comments by Verdell Taylor re St. Luke: incorporation of Langston Hughes history could connect church, school and neighborhood.

Q: How broadly is art defined? A: Very broadly.

Q: Stephen Johnson suggests making the original committee the facilitators and basing art on Langston Hughes writings, to supply constraints to hold the project

together.

Q: The engineering design for the street will be available soon.

Q: A suggestion to lower the sidewalk by the church to form a courtyard to display art.

Q: How will research flow? A: It will build.

Q: What is the next step for the ELNA board? A: To provide feedback on the website.

Q by Dave Loewenstein: is it premature to decide whether one big idea or 15 different ideas would be better, before choosing the administrator?

Q: Why is so much of the money going to administration?

At this point it was decided to extend the meeting until 9:15. No action will be taken by ELNA at this time, but interested parties should watch for the draft proposal and post feedback.

Q: Will every voice be heard? Will there be one go-to person?

Q: Who decides where the art goes? A: Location must be included in the proposal.

Q: Why are more artists being included? A: So there can be more different visions and more public input.

5. Recurring Updates

a. Downtown Grocery Store. This will be on the Historic Resources Committee Agenda. Can the north wall be saved?

6. Reports

none from a. President, b. Vice-President, or c. Treasurer.

d. Coordinator. Lane is looking for newsletter sponsors. Chili feed is Jan 16, 5 to 7 pm. Lane is in touch with the Hike through History project and with Adopt a Family.

e. Committees. No report from i. Budget/ Fundraising Committee, ii. Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods, iii. Planning Commission, iv. Historic Resources Commission, vi. CDAC

v. City Commission. It won't be possible to pay water bills at grocery stores. Street lights are on the agenda.

vii. New York PTO/Site Council. Chili feed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

ELNAN activities for 1st Quarter Aug, Sep, Oct 17

We had at least one rep at 7 City Commission and 2 Historic Resources Commission Meetings during the time frame, and 2 of 3 LAN meetings. We also have 2 Reps at NY School Site Council Meetings.

Nov 6 ELNA meeting 20+ attendees

Nov 9 downtown grocery store meeting.

Nov 27 cdbg grant assembly 4 folks

Nov 27 Comp Plan H2020 meeting, 2 ELNANs

Nov 28 lunch w Mayor to discuss neighborhood issues – 1 ELNAN

Nov. 30 downtown grocery store meeting. 7 attendees, 2 ELNANs

Dec 2 LAN meeting, 1 ELNAN

Dec 4 ELNA Meeting 16 folks attending

Dec 6 – meeting with FLAT group kick off fundraiser (Lawrence Loop related). 40 people, 6-7 from East Lawrence

Dec 13 ELNA wrapping party for Adopted family 10 ELNAN's

Jan 3 LAC Grant Strategy with 2 ELNAN's

Jan 18 Downtown Groc Store on HRC, 6-7 ELNAN's

Jan 30 Met with Citizen RE street light Color issue, 4k white street lights vs 3k blue

New ELNA Officers elected at our November Annual Meeting

President – Phil Collison

Vice President – Aaron Paden

Secretary - Catherine Reed

Our Treasurer continues to be KH Harris, and is elected in July for an Aug-July Fiscal year.

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November 2017



ELNA General Meeting

NOVEMBER 6th 7 pm
New York Elementary School
Library

Elections

Agenda

CDBG Grant Committee

Adopt-a-Family

Wishing Bench Repair Effort



From The President November 1, 2017

As I'm writing this, it's the day after the last big blow through the city. Who would have think we'd have thunderstorms, high winds and heavy rains in mid-October! I was in North Lawrence just after the storm blew through and it was hard to find a street that was passable. There were so many trees and limbs down. Later, driving across 9th street to the west the power was out along the way. 9th and Iowa was totally dark! But, East Lawrence never lost power. We were fortunate that evening.

This morning I have been reading up on the issues of the day. The sales tax issues for better infrastructure, better bus systems and more affordable housing. Air BnB, or STR's (Short Term Rentals as the City calls them). City Commission and School Board elections. The city's comprehensive plan. We should all be boning up on these issues so that we can be prepared to vote wisely on November 7th! Get out and vote! The outcomes from these issues will impact us greatly over the coming year and beyond.

The really good news that I see is that the rest of the City is trying to be more like East Lawrence. We have some of the best diversity of density, housing and wages than anywhere else in the city. We have mostly small and some large lots with large and small homes, duplexes and apartments. We are a grid street system, which means you can generally get in and out of the neighborhood from any street. We have strong schools. We have infill development and burgeoning small businesses and restaurants. All of these things are the things that are being encouraged in the proposed comprehensive plan called Horizon 2020. We have a strong sense of community that has helped shepherd these activities over time. We have recognized bad ideas when they have come around, and we have embraced good ideas. We are already a neighborhood that the rest of Lawrence wants to become. I encourage the rest of Lawrence to embrace those tenets in the plan to make your neighborhoods better! And to follow the plan!

Finally, how about that Block Party? We had a wonderful Block Party this year. The weather was perfect, the food was great, the cakewalk satisfied the sweet tooth and the music was divine. And the raffle had so many great prizes! (Thanks Frank!). There are a ton of details that go into making the party a success, and we couldn't do it without all the volunteers who worked to make it a big success. THANK YOU! And, special thanks to Lane Eisenbart, our coordinator, who knows how to pull all those details together. And thanks to YOU for coming out and supporting our wonderful community.

Thanks East Lawrence, for keeping the Community in the Neighborhood and being the model the City wants to follow as we progress farther into 21st Century!

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Fall Riverfront Cleanup

Day: Saturday, November 4th (rain or shine but heavy rain will cancel until spring)

Time: 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Park: At Santa Fe Station or Lower Riverfront Mall, East Parking Lot

Meet: Just north of the Santa Fe Station (7th and New York) at the entrance to the woods

Bring: Gloves and loppers, personal water bottle if desired

Wear: Long pants and sleeves, sturdy shoes

Please join us for our annual ELNA fall riverfront cleanup down by the river. Come down and experience the Kansas Riverfront in its fall splendor while doing a good deed. We will be clearing honeysuckle vines from the trail in order to make the trails open and usable. We will also be collecting trash along the riverfront and trails, and cleaning abandoned campsites of debris.

Thank you!

Mike Myers ELNA work day coordinator

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Pictured at right: Discarded clothes and abandoned camp materials on the river front



Block Party 2017 Thanks

Many thanks to all these folks for their help making the Block Party happen, plus our generous business friends who donated items for our raffle. Thanks for a good party. See you next year!

Aaron Paden
Alicia Kelley
Barb Michner
Brenda Nunez
Cari Davis
Catherine Reed
Charlotte Pessoni
Daina Holmes and kids
Diana Lehman
Elliot Bradley
Eric Farnsworth
Eric Jay
Frank Janzen
Hilary Barnett
Hilary Brown
Jason Fisher
Jay Holley
Jennifer Distlehorst
Joe Bickford
Johni Lacore
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Third Planet
Rudy's Pizzeria
Ernst and Sons Hardware
Shana Cake
Mike Amyx Barbershop
Honey Bidwell's Honey Bee
Aimee's Coffee House
Cottin's Hardware
Lawrence Arts Center
Cory Phillips

The Estate of Sheryl Robertson
The Fix Salon
Jubilee Mystics
Sugarfoot Detour
Sara Taliaferro and Justice Matters
Lisa Larsen for City Commission
Emily Hampton and the Sunrise Project
Community Village Lawrence
New York School PTO
Lawrence League of Women Voters
Mike Anderson for City Commission
Lawrence Loop

Potluck Dish Makers!
Cake Bakers!



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ELNA Board Election 2017

Announcement:

The Election of the ELNA Board will take place on **Monday November 6th**, at our normally scheduled monthly meeting, in the **New York Elementary library**. Because we do not foresee an above average turnout for the election, as in recent years, we will NOT dedicate the entire meeting to election business. **We will have a regular meeting concurrent with the election.**

Procedures:

The meeting will be called to order as per usual, **at approximately 7pm** with approvals of the agenda and minutes if they are available. The first item on the agenda will be the ELNA election. All attendees will receive a ballot listing the names of the 14 Board candidates. Voters will be asked to select 13 names. (Phil Collison, as current ELNA President, is required to serve on the Board in the year following his term. His seat is not up for election.) Attendees will be given a few minutes to fill their ballots in and the ballots will be collected in a ballot box. After ballots are collected, the meeting will proceed with other agenda items, and the Coordinator will begin a tally. **Additional ballots and the ballot box will remain available for drop in voting until 8pm. Voting will close at 8pm** and the final votes tallied shortly thereafter. After the 2017-2018 Board is selected, the new Board will select officers. The meeting may continue with remaining agenda items until the meeting ends at or before 9pm.

Voting Eligibility:

All in-neighborhood individual (not business, nor non-profit, nor out-of-neighborhood associate) members are eligible to vote. East Lawrence property owners with property title in their personal name will be permitted to vote as in-neighborhood members. Proof of residence will not be required. A map of the official boundaries of East Lawrence will be available. Dues to become or renew a membership, \$1 for in neighborhood members, can be paid the night of the election.

Candidates:

All candidates will have declared their intention to run for the ELNA Board at the October 3rd ELNA meeting. All Board candidates must be voting eligible. Officers of the Board (President, Vice President, and Secretary), must have been board members for at least ninety days, and no more than 35% of the total Board can be new members.

Candidates for the 2017-2018 Board are:

Aaron Paden	Jennifer Distlehorst
Catherine Reed	Joshua Davis
Chris Lempa	Judy Romero
Cindy Suenram	KH Harris
Dave Loewenstein	KT Walsh
Eric Jay	Mike Anderson
Pam Blackburn	Vanessa Reynaga

Interviews for each candidate can be found on our website

<http://www.eastlawrence.com/november-elna-meeting-and-election/>

Furthermore:

Disputes regarding officers, eligibility, the interpretation of the bylaws, or other unforeseen conflicts will be resolved by decision of a Board majority.

Affordable Housing

Ballot Item -- *from Justice Matters*

The November 7 ballot contains three tax increments. The ballot initiatives represent a ten-year renewal on taxes we are currently 0.05% sales tax increment, while the others, 0.2% for public transit and 0.3% for infrastructure, would continue with the current uses. A "yes" vote to Question 3 means that, beginning in 2019, the 0.05% tax increment would go directly into the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Currently, the money goes to a transit hub expansion fund that will accrue sufficient funds when the original tax expires in 2019. Visit the City of Lawrence web site at <https://lawrenceks.org/> to read ballot language and to get additional information.

Since the affordable housing problem is multifaceted, it is worth a closer look. The City of Lawrence commissioned studies in 1993 and in 2005. Both confirmed a persistent gap in affordable housing stock and the need for a dedicated source of revenue placed in an affordable housing trust fund to address the shortage. Currently, 1 in 5 residents in Douglas County are in a severe housing situation. They pay more than half their income for shelter. HUD recommends a household pay no more than 30%.

The Affordable Housing Trust Fund is managed by a Board of stakeholders -- homebuilders, city staff, local non-profit housing and service providers, a public housing resident, and other community leaders. Housing trust funds work by leveraging local dollars to bring additional dollars from other public and private sources. Our community is not currently competitive for some funding resources because we lack ongoing dedicated local dollars. The national rate of leveraging is six dollars for every local dollar invested, so we are missing a significant opportunity. Affordable housing trust funds are used in over 550 cities, providing a wide range of experience for Lawrence to consult as it expands this process.

Local housing providers are experienced at leveraging public and private dollars. The problem we face is one of source and of scale: we simply do not currently have local

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Block





Block Party 2017



ELNA Adopts a Family for the Holidays

Want to help ELNA adopt a family for the holiday season?

For many years, the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association has adopted a family (or two) in need of holiday support, through the Ballard Center. As a group of neighbors, we purchase food and gifts for the selected family. In the coming weeks, we will receive a wishlist of items from the family, and as soon as we acquire this list, we will be looking for neighbors to purchase and donate gifts. If you would like to volunteer to donate items, contact Lane at eastlawrence@yahoo.com, or Phil at 785-843-8098 by phone.

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Vote! As noted in previous newsletters, ELNA does not endorse any candidate for election to any office. We do, however, encourage all East Lawrencians to get out and exercise their right to vote. A general election has been scheduled for Tuesday November 7th 2017. Advance voting options are available as well. Most of East Lawrence polls at New York Elementary, but some residences at the extremities of our boundaries will poll at Trinity Lutheran Church and the East Lawrence Rec Center. If you have any question as to your polling place, or the status of your voter registration, you can visit our very informative County Clerk's Office website: douglascountyks.org/depts/county-clerk. You can even check your voting history and view sample ballots.

On Tuesday, August 1st Lawrence voters helped me finish 2nd in the primary. Thank you for demonstrating your confidence in me to lead Lawrence forward!

On Tuesday, November 7th I'm asking for your vote again in the general election.

Together we can:

- Ensure city-owned assets are managed properly while developing alternative revenue streams to ensure long-term sustainability
- Focus on public safety, equitable infrastructure, a vibrant arts and culture scene and access to high speed fiber to remain *unmistakably Lawrence*
- Demand transparency in local government
- Re-evaluate the use of tax incentives to protect taxpayers and make sure that development benefits the entire community

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November 7



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dedicated dollars in the amounts necessary to address the scope of the problem at the rate needed. Last year, Family Promise received requests from 419 different families. They can serve 20. Habitat for Humanity has 20 applications and can serve three. Tenants to Homeowners has 78 people on their waiting list. Lawrence/Douglas County Housing Authority has a waiting list of 403 individuals and families—with people waiting up to two years before being housed. These lists represent only people who meet eligibility requirements for these services. The need extends well beyond these lists. Also note that Federal resources we currently receive, HOME and CDGB funds saw a reduction of 36% since 2012 (see City web site).

The City Commission just authorized the hire of a consulting firm to complete a comprehensive housing market study. This study will provide needed data to help prioritize projects. In the meantime, a “yes” vote on Question 3 will allow seventeen months for housing providers and other community leaders to start developing projects for the most immediate and known need. Voter-endorsed local funds, managed locally, give a powerful tool to start addressing the shortages on a scale that can really make a difference.

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I ask for your vote on November 7th!

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January 2018



ELNA General Meeting

JANUARY 8th

7-9 pm

New York Elementary School
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Agenda

RiverKings Museum
Arts Center Grant Update



From The President

It's a new year! I hope your Holidays were memorable. Last year was a good one for ELNA. We continued to get funding from Community Development Block Grants managed by the City. We successfully improved our zoning in parts of the neighborhood to better support homeowners over real estate speculators. We held our Yart Sale and our Block Party, we published 6 issues of our newsletter, and we utilized social media for more outreach to our neighborhood. Let Lane know if you are not on our weekly email list.

The New Year will bring more of the same. We'll be following the Downtown Grocery store and the public incentives that they will require in order to move forward. We'll be watching the Short Term Rental issues and the impacts they have on our neighborhood in particular. We'll look forward to the plans for rebuilding 9th street from New Hampshire to Pennsylvania that should be revealed soon. And we'll watch for progress on the Lawrence Loop and how it moves through our neighborhood. All that in addition to another Yart Sale, another Block Party, more River Clean-ups and more special events.

Here's to hoping for another great year in East Lawrence!

Be involved in that!

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Enormous thanks are due to our friends and neighbors who contributed to our Adopt a Family project this year. About 25 of you, and your families, contributed gifts and money and time, and we were able to get every item on our adopted family's wish list. We wish our adopted family of seven, and your families too, happy holidays and a wonderful new year!

Neighborhood Remembers MLK

Don't miss the Annual MLK Chili Feed at New York Elementary on January 16th. ELNA archives indicate that the New York School Chili Feed tradition began in the mid-nineteen eighties when a group of New York teachers and neighbors decided they'd like to gather and celebrate Dr Martin Luther King Jr's life, together, with a warm bowl of chili on a cold winter day. Back then the chili was prepared on site, in what was the school kitchen, what later became the Shelly Miller Community kitchen, and for many years served as the teacher's lounge and kitchen.

ELNA archives also indicate that in the fall of 1990, "a garage at 12th and New York Streets ... had been vandalized with racial epithets" In response to that act of vandalism and harassment, the neighbors repainted the garage with the likeness of MLK himself. Members of ELNA, then ELIA, also wrote this letter to the editor to the Lawrence Journal-World, dated November 8th, 1990:

"The members of the East Lawrence Improvement Assn. voted unanimously at their Oct. 22 meeting to condemn acts of harassment that have occurred in an around East Lawrence in the past month. Racist graffiti and cross burning have no place in our neighborhood whether they are acts of youths or adults. In its meeting, the association also unanimously approved the formation of a committee to offer support to anyone in our neighborhood who is victimized by a hate crime. We will clean up graffiti and the leftovers of any harassment and provide other services as they are requested.

We believe that fostering a community where people of diverse cultures, religious, lifestyles and physical abilities, can live in peace and safety is as much the duty of a neighborhood association as guaranteeing that our roads are safe. We intend to carry out that duty with energy and dedication. Jolene Anderson, president, Diane Silver, Kathy Businger and other ELIA members."

A beautiful picture. A nice memory. Happy Birthday, Dr. King!

FOLLOW-UP STORY ON THE VANDALIZED NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE

If you'll remember, the last newsletter made mention of a garage at 12th and New York Streets which had been vandalized with racial epithets and that the garage would be repainted and a likeness of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The following is a picture of the garage wall after the "re-do". The owners are happy with the results.



"MLK on garage at 12th and New York"
East Lawrence News November 1990,
Spencer Research Library, University of Kansas Libraries

Riverfront Clean Up Thanks

On Saturday, November 4th the Fall Riverfront Cleanup commenced at 9:00 a.m. Over three hours that morning eighteen committed volunteers helped remove a great quantity of trash and debris from the East Lawrence Riverfront Conservation Area. There was so much trash collected that we literally had to jump up and down on it to get it to fit in a large dumpster. After packing the dumpster full we still had several bags to dispose of as well as a small pile of larger items.

Our sincere thanks go to the following volunteers:

Matt Bellemere, Fred Bellemere, Andy Bellemere, Faith Ross, Krista Gentry, Josh Gentry, Jake Bellucci, Catherine Reed, John Swift, Pam Roberts, Bonnie Uffman, Frank Janzen, Pat Slimmer, Matthew Hall, Joe Douglas, Mike Myers, Lane Eisenbart, Brad Gibson.

Thanks also go out to the City of Lawrence Solid Waste Division, and the City of Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department for their help in supplying materials and hauling off what we collected.

Please consider visiting our beautiful riverfront and woods. Fall is one of the best times to take a walk and enjoy the abundant natural beauty of our very own woods and river.

Sincerely, Mike Myers



Please Attend!

New York Elementary Annual MLK Chili Feed

Tuesday January 16th 2018, from 5-7pm

In the New York School gym and cafeteria

All friends, family, and neighbors are welcome. This is an all community event!
A free will cash donation will be collected at the door to benefit New York Elementary.
Chili (both meat and vegetarian), with sides, drinks, and desserts will be served.
Our wonderful neighbors at St Luke AME will perform.

What you can bring:

Students of New York are asked to contribute an item to the Chili Feed and to bring that item to school the day of the event, Tuesday January 16th.

Kindergarten and 1st: carrot and celery sticks, for sides

2nd and 3rd: shredded cheese for topping

4th and 5th: saltine crackers, for sides

Students, families, friends, and neighbors can bring:

Anyone can bring desserts to contribute. Bars, cookies, slices of pie or cake, anything easily portioned would be great. Those contributions can be brought to the school any time during the school day January 16th. If anyone would like to contribute vegetarian chili, that would be welcome too.

Let's celebrate the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr together! See you there!

Your 2017-2018 ELNA Board

A new ELNA board was selected at our November meeting. The 2016-2017 Board returns, minus Chris and Johni — who are both off on new adventures! Happy Trails! -- with two new additions, Judy and Vanessa.

Welcome Judy J Romero and Vanessa Reynaga! Thanks for your service!

Phil Collison, President

Preferred contact:
email or phone to
phil@pcollison.com
and 785-843-8098



"I think East Lawrence is a special place where I can live in my little bubble and tend my garden."

Aaron Paden, Vice President



Preferred Contact:
email or phone to
aaronpaden@gmail.com,
785-840-6400

"I love the East Lawrence events - Block Party, Yart Sale, & Clean ups - we run them with volunteers and it is a great way to meet your neighbors & have a good time."

Catherine Reed, Board Member

Preferred contact: by email to
reed.catherine@gmail.com



"I hope to help preserve East Lawrence's trees, trails and natural areas, and to help neighbors get outdoors."

Cindy Suenram, Board Member, LAN Rep



Preferred Contact:
email to
csuen3@sunflower.com

Dave Loewenstein, Board Member

Preferred contact: email to
dloewenstein@hotmail.com



"I serve on the ELNA board because I want to help ensure that the neighborhood continues to be the affordable, welcoming and imaginative place beloved by so many."

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The Kansas RiverKings:

Treasured Collection and Exhibition

The Kansas RiverKings were a group of men operating a thriving commercial fishing industry in Lawrence from 1870-1970. The first known cabin and business operation was located below the dam on the Kaw. Past slave, Jake Washington spent most of his time there where 100 pound fish were known to have been brought in.

For the past three years the Kansas RiverKings Museum and Exhibition have been located on the river at the site where the story began. Unfortunately, the space that once housed these stories and artifacts has gone back to its donor.

The founder and curator of the Kansas RiverKings collection is seeking a home site as close to the river as possible. A small space within a larger space is desired. If you're interested in keeping this wonderful piece of history in Lawrence where it belongs please contact the curator bhigginsdover@gmail.com or 785-393-9525.

Sunrise Coffee

Sunrise Project is opening a coffee shop soon after the new year! Sunrise Coffee will be a welcoming space for all to gather, build community, learn about Sunrise Project activities and meet new people. The coffee shop is an extension of Sunrise Project and all proceeds benefit the organization. Sybil Gibbs was recently hired as the Sunrise Coffee Manager & Community Connector. She will not only provide high quality food and beverages, but also create opportunities for empowerment and education. Thanks to an anonymous donation, the north portion of the old retail building has been renovated into a welcoming, cozy and fun space that we hope will be a "home away from home" for people of all ages and backgrounds. Coffee shops can serve as community spaces that build social connection and spark social change. The aim of Sunrise Coffee is to do just that. It will also give folks the opportunity to drop by and learn about other ways to get involved with Sunrise Project, whether it's presenting or attending a workshop, volunteering with another program or harvesting fruits or vegetables from one of our free food sites. Sunrise can't wait to open its doors to the neighborhood and wider community! Follow along at facebook.com/sunriseprojectks or subscribe to their newsletter at sunriseprojectks.org to stay posted on the opening date.



Wishing Bench Repair Fund

The Wishing Bench. Maybe it rose out of the Kaw like a Venus on the half-shell, it's pylons glistening in primordial sunrise. Maybe it came in on the 11:52 Amtrak from KC and shuffled down the track. Maybe it erupted out of the sidewalk like an overgrown sycamore root and sprouted a Christmas tree. Hey, we've got some great green thumbs in East Lawrence, who's to say?

While the origins of the Wishing Bench are shrouded in mystery and legend, it's current state is quite clear. The Wishing Bench needs your help! It was brought to our attention earlier this fall that the Wishing Bench is in need of repair. Some portions of the wooden base the bench stands on have rotted

away, while other planks are warped and unstable. Neighbors are concerned the Bench may cause injury. And, well, since no one in particular owns the bench -- The Wishing Bench belongs to the people! It belongs to itself! -- no one in particular is responsible for paying for repairs. But, ELNA can help a neighbor out. Even a bench neighbor. So! ELNA is organizing an effort to raise money to buy supplies for repairing the Wishing Bench. ELNA will raise funds, and Eric Jay, ELNA Board member and co-owner of Struct ReStruct, can provide expertise to rebuild the base. When the time comes to make the repairs, likely in the spring, ELNA may also organize volunteer labor for the construction of a new base. Stay tuned for more information on that.

But first, funds!

The cost of materials for a new (and improved and significantly safer) Wishing Bench base has been estimated at around \$650. Can you spare a few bucks? Visit our [gofundme](https://www.gofundme.com/wishing-bench-repair-fund) at <https://www.gofundme.com/wishing-bench-repair-fund> or you can mail check or money order to Wishing Bench Repair Fund, ELNA, PO Box 442393, Lawrence, KS 66044.



Questions about the effort can be sent to eastlawrence@yahoo.com. Thanks!

Board Members.....

Eric Jay, Board Member

Preferred Contact: email to eric@structrestruct.com



“My family and I live in a house that I built on New Jersey St. When I’m not hanging out with them, or working on my house, you can

find me at struct/restruct, a design/build company which I co-own with a life-long friend of mine. I choose to serve on the board because I want to be instrumental in the evolution of the neighborhood.”

Jennifer Distlehorst, Board Member

Preferred contact: email to kansascoast@gmail.com

“East Lawrence is vibrant community of creative people who really care about their neighbors and their neighborhood. ELNA is a primary gathering place and communication channel for East Lawrencians and I enjoy working with Lane, Phil and my fellow ELNA board members to make the monthly meetings joyful, inclusive and productive.”



Josh Davis (NY St), Board Member

Preferred Contact: email to jd12345@gmail.com



Judy Romero, Board Member, newly elected in 2017

Preferred Contact: email to romejj565@gmail.com



“I grew up in the neighborhood and appreciate all the positive changes. I appreciate those neighbors who have cared, watched over and preserved the neighborhood.”

KH, Board Member

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“Many people don’t know that I learn a new clean joke every day because I believe laughter is the best medicine. I’m always ready to share them. I

choose to be on the board because I want to keep East Lawrence an unique and fun neighborhood.”

Lane Eisenbart, Coordinator

Preferred Contact: email to eastlawrence@yahoo.com

“I am ELNA’s only employee, and I have been for over six years. I get paid a small monthly stipend to run ELNA’s website, emails, and social media, to organize events, and to write your weekly enews and bi-monthly paper newsletters, among other things. I do this job because working is apparently my hobby, and because lending my skills is a way I can serve my community.”



Mike Anderson, Board Member

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“I was named the “Most Interesting Character in Small Town America” by *Reader’s Digest*. I have a PhD in Communication Studies from KU. I want to serve on the board because I want to make a positive difference in our community.”



Pam Blackburn, Board Member

Preferred Contact: email to pamblackburn55@gmail.com



Vanessa Reynaga, Board Member, newly elected in 2017

Preferred contact: email to veereynaga@gmail.com



“I am a native Californian that loves to build community and is intent on having voices like mine heard.”

KT Walsh, Board Member



Preferred Contact: notes to 732 Rhode Island St

ELNA Meetings

ELNA monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of each month, unless delayed due to holiday. We meet from 7-9pm. During the school year, we meet at New York School, 936 New York Street. In the summer months and when school is not in session, we find an alternative location. In the past, we have met at the Delaware Street Commons, The Lawrence Percolator, and the Lawrence Makerspace. Holiday delays and alternate meeting locations will be announced as they are known. Agendas, as they are known, can be viewed at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gB0AhiF0GfBBCEDo_1bORk-EvjSc5ygIIDMyeWAnl-w/edit?usp=sharing, and archived after meetings on our website in a timely fashion.

ELNA Meetings for 2018:

- January 8th, delayed one week due to holiday, New York School
- February 5th, New York School
- March 5th, New York School
- April 2nd, New York School
- May 7th, New York School
- June 4th, location TBD
- July 2nd, *may be delayed due to holiday,* location TBD
- August 7th, location TBD
- September 11th, *likely delayed due to holiday*, New York School
- October 2nd, New York School
- November 6th, New York School
- December 4th, New York School

*Meeting January 8th, 2018,
delayed one week by the holiday,
7-9 pm at New York School*



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Christmas "Tree-Cycling" collection dates

Recycling your Christmas tree following the holidays is a great way to return it to nature. Lawrence residents may place live-cut trees at the curb or alley by 6:00 a.m. on their 'trash day' the week of January 3 through 6 for tree-cycling collection. In addition, collection crews will run through all City neighborhoods on Monday, January 9 collecting all remaining trees.

Christmas trees will be collected separate from trash and will be used for wildlife habitat. Please remove all artificial items including tinsel, lights, ornaments, and tree stands.

For additional information, visit
www.LawrenceRecycles.org.

Emergency Furnace Repair Loans

In emergency situations, the City of Lawrence offers citizens an emergency loan program that can provide up to \$5,000 for emergency repairs or furnace replacement. Mobile home owners may access up to \$2,500.

Some eligibility requirements for the program include:

A family income not exceeding 80% of median level -- \$51,000 for a family of 3.

Property must be owner occupied.

Property must be within City limits.

The applicant or the structure may not have previously received a rehabilitation loan since 1978.

The Emergency Furnace Repair Loan application, with a detailed list of required qualifications and caveats can be found on the City website at: <https://assets.lawrenceks.org/assets/pds/devservices/cdd/applications/2017/ds-cdd-2017-emergencyfurnaceloanapp-6-2017.pdf>.

You may also request a paper copy of the application in the Development Services Office at 1 Riverfront Plaza #110, Lawrence. Information by phone at (785) 832-7700.

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Join ELNA for \$1.00

HELP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD – GET A BIG BANG FOR A BUCK!

Your \$1.00 membership in ELNA and contact information help us represent East Lawrence in our city and county government and to meet the needs of our neighborhood. Please note, memberships are per individual, not per household.

Support us. Let us support you.

- \$1.00 for in-neighborhood individuals \$5.00 for out-of-neighborhood individuals
- \$10.00 for in-neighborhood non-profit entities \$20.00 for in-neighborhood businesses
- \$100.00 lifetime individual membership

Date: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

- We print the names of new and returning members in the bimonthly paper newsletter. Check here if it's OK to print your name.
- We're working on creating a block-by-block calling/check-in network of neighbors to contact in the event of an emergency. It's a work in progress. Check here if you'd like to be contacted about being a BlockHead—a contact person for your block in the event of emergency or issue.
- Check here if you'd like to be added to our "Thursday ELNA News" weekly e-newsletter email list.

Send this form and your check payable to ELNA to:

ELNA, PO Box 442393 Lawrence KS 66044

*Plus! Visit ELNA's website for information on *new* tshirts and merchandise!*

ELNA Needs Your Help! Please Volunteer!

Mark what ELNA events/skills you would like to volunteer for:

- ___ Work Days
- ___ YART (Yard/Art) Sale
- ___ Block Party
- ___ Adopt-A-Family
- ___ Art
- ___ Music
- ___ Photography
- ___ Gardening
- ___ Grilling
- ___ Fund Raising
- ___ Historic Preservation
- ___ Serving on the ELNA Board
- ___ Website/Technical Management
- ___ Baking/Cooking
- ___ Other: _____

City Board Vacancies

Get Active, East Lawrence! Volunteer to serve on a City advisory board or committee.

Listed below are existing and upcoming vacancies on City of Lawrence Boards and Commissions. If interested in serving on a board, citizens should visit the website at <http://www.lawrenceks.org/boards> to volunteer online, or send a letter of interest to the Mayor, P.O. Box 708, Lawrence, KS 66044.

Affordable Housing Advisory Board:

Three positions expire 12/31/17 and are all eligible for reappointment. There are eligibility requirements for this board.

Contractor Licensing Board:

Five positions expire 12/31/17 are all eligible to serve additional terms. There are eligibility requirements for this board.

Douglas County Food Policy Council:

One position expires 12/31/17 and is eligible for reappointment to an additional term.

Homeless Issues Advisory Committee:

Two positions expire 12/31/17 and are eligible for reappointment to additional terms.

Human Relations Commission:

Three positions expire 09/30/17 and are all eligible for reappointment to additional terms.

Lawrence Alliance:

One vacancy for a position that expires 11/30/17 and three vacancies for positions that expire 11/30/18. Four

additional positions expire 11/30/17, with two being eligible for reappointment to additional terms and two becoming vacant.

Lawrence Douglas County Advocacy Council on Aging:

Five positions expire 12/31/17. Four positions are eligible for reappointment to additional terms and one position will become vacant.

Mechanical Board of Appeals:

One vacancy for a position that expired 03/31/17. This position is designated for a person qualified by training and/or experience.

Mental Health Board:

One position expired 04/30/17.

Public Transit Advisory Committee:

Two vacancies for positions that expire 12/31/17.

Senior Resource Center for Douglas County, Inc.:

One position expires 12/31/17 and is eligible for reappointment to additional terms.

Sister Cities Advisory Board:

One position expired 12/31/16. Five additional positions expire 12/31/17, with four positions eligible for reappointment and one position becoming vacant.

Sustainability Advisory Board:

One position expires 12/31/17 and is eligible for reappointment to an additional term.

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