

Quarterly Neighborhood Performance Report - Quarter Three (February-April) Due May. 10

Neighborhood East Lawrence N Assn

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Each Neighborhood is required to have at least quarterly meetings. (minutes must be attached.)	Meeting Date #1	<u>5-Feb-18</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>Yes</u>
	Meeting Date #2	<u>5-Mar-18</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>Yes</u>
	Meeting Date #3	<u>5-Apr-18</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>Yes</u>

How was the neighborhood notified of the meeting(s)? (check all that apply)	email	<u>~300 on weekly email newsletter</u>
	newsletter	<u>Yes</u>
	other announcement? (please specify)	<u>Web, Facebook, Twitter</u>

Officer elections this quarter? (if so, attach list of new officers)	None	No
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Each Neighborhood is encouraged to produce regular newsletters.	Date of Newsletter	<u>1-Mar</u>	Copy Attached? (required)	<u>Yes</u>
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Also to be attached:

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

See attached

Best practices in regard to neighborhood events that can be shared with other neighborhood associations. Provide information on outreach, event, and outcome. (recommended)

We continue to provide a lawn mower and a tiller. We worked with the City to help advertise the new Hike Through History grand opening. We collaborated with Mike Meyers and the River Keepers on a River Cleanup, and provided bagels and coffee. And did the same for the Big Event Brook Creek Neighborhood Burroughs Creek Cleanup. We are working with the Lawrence Arts Center to collaborate on what the Artplace Grant could still become. We met the new Parks and Rec Director.

Any other information your neighborhood association feels will be information that will help to provide a clear view of your neighborhood associations accomplishments. (recommended)

Our biggest event of the quarter (and the year) is our annual Yart Sale. This year was another good one. We set up on Friday Night with 20-25 volunteers organizing the donations. On Saturday we had about 20 artists selling their wares and we also had a line up of mostly EL musicians to perform. We raised the most money in about 5 years. Unsold items went to Social Service League and Good Will. We had about 250 attendees. No one left without something they needed/wanted. We also followed various city issues and lobbied on issues

ELNA activities for 3rd Quarter Feb Mar Apr 18

We had at least one rep at 9 City Commission and 3 Historic Resources Commission Meetings during the time frame, and all 3 LAN meetings. We also have 2 Reps at NY School Site Council Monthly Meetings. Every Thursday we send out Thursday E-news to about 300 email subscribers.

Feb 2 General Meeting Agenda Planning session with Lane and Aaron

Feb 3 CC meeting with 3 ELNAns

Feb 5 Transportation Committee Meeting, Debut of 9th st. plan 3 folks

Feb 5 ELNA General Meeting @NY School Library 18 folks

Feb 8 NY Elem School Site Council 2 ELNAns

Feb 8 Phil meets with David Cronin re: 9th street

Feb 14 ELNAn meets with Derek Rogers new Parks and Rec Director

Feb 17 Bylaws review with Cindy, Aaron and Phil

Feb 19 ELNA strategy Session with KT, Phil Lane

Feb 21 LAN Meeting 2 ELNAns'

Feb 27 discussion with City on Fortunato Hike Thru History Trail

Misc for Feb, An ELNAn attended 2 CC meetings

Mar Newsletter issued

Mar 5 ELNA Meeting with 17 ELNAn's

Mar NY Elementary Site Council 1 ELNAn

Mar (no dates provided) - Two meetings b/t Grant Committee (2 Elnan's) on E. 9th Lawrence Arts Center Grant with interim Director of LAC And with AME Board

Mar 21 LAN meeting with 3 ELNAn's

Mar 22 Met with Dennis Brown RE new AME Church initiative

Mar 26 Met with KT RE: Issues in east Lawrence

Mar 27 Met with 3 folks about the proposed Prairie Block along Burroughs Creek trail

Mar 28 Planning Commission Meeting 1 ELNAn

Mar 30 Yart Sale Set up night with Pizza donated by Papa Kenos. 20 ELNA Helpers

Mar 31 Yart Sale! Wild success, raising ~\$2000 and 250 attendees!

Apr 2 General ELNA Meeting 16 folks

Apr 3 CC meeting 1 Elnan

Apr 5 Tiller Repaired! Discussion with mechanic and neighborhood issues

Apr 11 Met with Josh Davis RE: Neighborhood Issues

Apr 12 Met with Allen Press Rep for membership and to quote newsletter

Apr 17 CC Meeting 2 ELNAn's

Apr 18 LAN Meeting 2 ELNAn's

Apr 19 Attended HRC Meeting, 3 ELNAn's

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association

Meeting Agenda

Monday February 5th • 7:00pm-9:00pm

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

1. Introductions - 2 min
2. Approvals - 3 minutes
Agenda / Minutes - January
 - a. REMINDER: Board members – CDBG qrt report: fill out meetings attended sheet please!
3. Guests
4. New Business/ In-depth discussion
 - a. Arts Center Grant Update -- delayed until March
 - b. Resurfacing East 9th, City portion, meeting this evening, report?
 - c. Bylaw update -- Aaron and?
 - d. Letter of Support to HRC for Depot Historic Designation -- Aaron
 - e. Review LEP -- Phil
 - f. Conservation Overlay -- from previous minutes, Dave, Aaron, KT, Jenn D
5. Recurring Updates -15 minutes
 - a. Downtown Grocery Store
 - b. River Kings -- new temporary location, walking tours, looking at Depot
 - c. Hike Through History
 - d. Leon's House
 - e. Wishing Bench
6. Reports - 15 minutes
 - a. President
 - b. Vice-President
 - c. Treasurer
 - d. Coordinator
 - i. Mar Apr Newsletter
 - ii. Yart Sale -- March 31st
 - e. Committees -- 15 minutes
 - i. Budget/ Fundraising Committee
 - ii. Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods
 - iii. Planning Commission
 - iv. Historic Resources Commission
 - v. City Commission
 - vi. CDAC
 - vii. New York PTO/Site Council
 - viii. Hike Through History
 - ix. Leon's House
7. Updates / Announcements

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East Lawrence Neighborhood Association
Minutes Monday February 5th
New York School Library, New York Elementary 936 New York St

Present:

Aaron Paden, Brad Gibson, Brenda Nunez, Catherine Reed, Cindy Suenram, Eric Jay, Frank Janzen, Jesse Carlson, Joe R. Bickford, Joshua Davis, KT Walsh, Lane Eisenbart, Lisa Larsen, Michael Davison, Mike Anderson, Phil Collison, Vanessa Reynaga

Issues 4d and 4e were discussed while we waited for a quorum, which occurred at 7:20. The meeting was called to order by Phil Collison.

1. Introductions - 2 min
2. No approvals of minutes. The agenda was approved.
Board members filled out CDBG qrt report.
3. There were no guests
4. New Business/ In-depth discussion
 - a. Arts Center Grant Update -- delayed until March as Cindy Maude is out of town.
 - b. Resurfacing East 9th, City portion. Several board members attended the Transportation Commission meeting. The plan is listed on the city website. Comments may be sent to Dave Cronin. Six-foot-wide concrete sidewalks will be installed at no cost to the homeowners, however homeowners are responsible for maintaining them. Sidewalks will be extended to Delaware St. Streetlights remain undetermined. Six trees will be removed, parking will stay the same, there is no timeline for this yet. The street grade will be raised and the width altered in some places. There's a concern that the AME church may be damaged.
A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously that ELNA supports brick sidewalk and limestone curb retention in the new design, as stated in the neighborhood plan of 11/12/15. It's noted that the Oread and Old West Lawrence neighborhoods have succeeded in keeping these—issues are the cost and maintenance of brick sidewalks, which depend in part on the quality of the bricklaying. Phil will write a letter and send it around for comments.
 - c. Bylaw update – Aaron, Cindy and Phil will check into the bylaws. Lane has a file of items needing rewriting or clarification. They'll write a report for the board to be read, commented on, and eventually approved.
 - d. Letter of Support to HRC for Depot Historic Designation. This issue is on the City Commission Agenda. Phil will write a letter of support and send it out by 10 am tomorrow.
 - e. Review of LEP (Limited English Proficiency) plan. Anyone getting HUD grants must be able to provide a translator, given notice. It's okay to use Google Translator for written materials. ELNA has a plan in place.
 - f. Conservation Overlay. HRC urged ELNA to get going and get grants from the Kansas Humanities Council and the Heritage Trust Fund. We will need money to hire help to do the overlay.
5. Recurring Updates

a. Downtown Grocery Store. HRC concerns: it's too big and impinges on the historic alley. The store should have two entrances, one from the street and one from the parking lot. It's back to the architects.

b. River Kings, by Lane with information from Barbara. The Museum has a new temporary location at Springhill Suites. There will be walking tours in April and May. Barbara still likes the Depot as a possible site. River Kings would like to collaborate with ELNA.

c. Hike Through History. Lane gave some history of the project. She will check with Porter Arneill on the statue of fundraising.

d. Leon's House: coming along, almost ready for electricity. Leon may be back in the home, if he wants to be, by summer.

e. Wishing Bench. The GoFundMe drive produced \$644.86, plus \$80.00 was received in other donations. Lane placed the \$724.86 in a separate account. Eric Jay will get the work organized, possibly in March.

6. Reports

a. President. No report

b. Vice-President. No report

c. Treasurer. No report

d. Coordinator. We have \$2870.42, including the Wishing Bench funds.

Newsletter . The deadline for March is February 15. The board should approach businesses and individuals to sponsor a newsletter issue.

Yart Sale -- March 31st. Leave items for the sale on the porch at 732 Rhode Island.

Block party will be Saturday September 22.

There will be a riverfront spring cleanup on Saturday April 21 (Earth Day) from 8 to 10 am, cosponsored by Friends of the Kaw.

e. Committees

Budget/ Fundraising Committee. No report

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods. They meet on the 3rd Wednesday at the library. They opposed tax incentives for the downtown grocery.

Planning Commission. No report

Historic Resources Commission. No report

City Commission. No report

CDAC. Phil and Cindy will attend the meeting.

New York PTO/Site Council. A committee is forming for the new principal search. A winter arts party will be held Feb 15. Old New York School t-shirts for a project for a gift for Mrs. DeGarmo are requested.

7. Updates/Announcements

The owner of Ernst Hardware has died. All items are on sale. Frank placed flowers and suggests the store should have historic designation.

See Leotheman.com for information on Leo Beerman, who sold pencils from a wooden cart. There's a plaque on Mass St.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

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 - a. REMINDER: Board members – CDBG qrt report: fill out meetings attended sheet please!
3. New Business/ In-depth discussion
 - a. Urban Planning Project on drainage in EL -- Penn Pennel - 10 min
 - b. Artists Outside at the Library -- Vanessa - 10 min
 - c. Arts Center Grant Update -- Postponed to April
4. Recurring Updates -15 minutes
 - a. Rebuilding East 9th, City portion -- developments?
 - b. Downtown Grocery Store
 - c. River Kings
 - d. Hike Through History
 - e. Leon's House
 - f. Wishing Bench
 - g. Bylaws update -- Aaron - 20 min
 - h. Conservation Overlay -- Dave, Aaron, KT, Jenn D, Vanessa, C Davis
5. Reports - 15 minutes
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6. Updates / Announcements

Next Month New Parks and Recreation Director Derek Rogers will be here to introduce himself and talk about fitness options along the Burroughs Creek Trail.

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•ELNA Minutes – March 05, 2018

Present: Mike Anderson, Pam Blackburn, Phil Collison, Jennifer Distlehorst, Lane Eisenbart, Eric Jay, Dave Loewenstein, Brenda Nunez, Aaron Paden, Cindy Suenram, KT Walsh

Frank Janzen, Joe Bickford, Penn Pennel, Suzan Hampton

Meeting called to order by Phil Collison. January and February minutes were reviewed. KT moved to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Jennifer. Minutes were approved.

Penn Pennel, an urban planning student, spoke about her semester project on drainage problems in East Lawrence. She is looking for neighborhood help in identifying problems and see what measures can help. This is to increase biodiversity and economic impact.

Vanessa spoke on the library initiative to identify how an artist's work is connected to nature. They are looking for artists to give 20 minute talk and perhaps tour their inspiration place. The Library is looking for people for the summer and fall. Spread the word.

Rebuilding East 9th is on the HRC agenda from 3/15. They understand the neighborhood's desire to retain brick sidewalks and limestone curbs. Property owners along 9th have been asked about their preference.

Downtown Grocery developers have withdrawn their request for a loan from the city to fund part of the development. There is still not enough parking.

River King walking tours will be starting soon. Lane will try to get information at YART sale.

No update on Hike thru History. City planning to put panels on Burrough's Creek Trail. The first panel has already been installed.

Sheetrock/tape/mud will be installed this week in Leon's house.

Wishing bench work will begin in a few weeks by Eric.

Aaron has been working on updates to the bylaws. Summary: 1. Move the meeting to the 2nd Monday of the month so not to conflict with Monday holidays. 2. Officers will be selected by the board itself (instead of the general membership). 3. Including the treasurer. 4. Various updates to make wording consistent thruout the document. 5. If a tie occurs for the 14th member, the board will vote to break the tie. 6. These votes are by board members present at the meeting. 7. President refrains from voting unless there is a tie.

ELNA has a plan for limited English proficiency. KT asked if there was a provision for late notifications and did it need to be covered in the bylaws.

Next steps on the bylaw changes is to send out the language, followed by a meeting read thru. This will count as the 1st read thru.

HRC would like to help East Lawrence on their conservation overlay development. Preservation Alliance would also like to help. Perhaps professional staff time could be provided. Suzan Hampton has been added to the committee.

President's report: CDBG report was submitted in February.

VP report: KVKB concessions will be done again this year. Tentatively, the dates Aaron will be requesting are May 27, June 3, June 10 and one more in July.

There are no soccer goals in East Lawrence. Kaw Valley has some that are not being used. The cost to fix them is \$400 / set. They will be located at NY Elem and E Lawrence Rec Center.

Treasurer: no update

Coordinator: Yart sale setup is Friday, March 30. Sale is Saturday, March 31 from 8 am to 2 pm. We must be out by 3 as another event is happening later in the day. Phil will organize the music. People taking donations to KT's please leave on the front porch or alley back steps. Daisey is becoming upset with the traffic. KT would also like hanger donations.

Brook Creek would like to invite everyone to their meeting on Wednesday, 7 pm. Nancy Thelman and Sheriff's officers will be present to discuss proposition 1. Meeting is at East Lawrence Rec Center.

Brook Creek would like to know if ELNA is interested in a neighborhood garage sale again. Consensus is yes.

John Gascon talked about the affect of the 9th street improvements and St. Luke's AME. The long term goal of the church is to have the basement access be level with the ground/sidewalk to help with their accessibility issues. This involves dropping the sidewalk. They are hoping this can be worked into the city's plans. They have begun a capital campaign and can accept Art Place grants. They would like a letter of support to include asking the city to reconsider accessibility to St Lukes. Mike moved for ELNA to write a letter in support of St Luke's ADA improvements as part of the 9th street plan. Vanessa seconded. Motion passed. Mike also volunteered to write the letter.

Budget/Fundraising: need a sponser for the next newsletter.

LAN: LAN sent a letter opposing the 19th St expansion. There are tours being organized of the jail to help individuals better understand the jail expansion proposal.

City Commission: has received complaints on the new LED streetlights. They are now installing 3000 kelvin lights instead of the 4000 kelvin.

NY PTO/Site council: Student leadership is now selling coffee on Mondays for \$1.

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

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association

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Monday April 2nd • 7:00pm-9:00pm

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1. Introductions - 2 min
2. Approvals - 3 minutes
Agenda / Minutes - March
 - a. REMINDER: Board members – CDBG qrt report: fill out meetings attended sheet please!
3. New Business/ In-depth discussion
 - a. Lawrence Parks and Rec -- Derek Rogers, fitness equipment, Burroughs Creek Trail
 - b. Suzan Hampton -- Prairie Block collaboration
 - c. Arts Center Grant Update - Dave, Josh
4. Recurring Updates -15 minutes
 - a. Rebuilding East 9th, City portion -- developments?
 - b. Downtown Grocery Store
 - c. Riverkings
 - d. Hike Through History
 - e. Leon's House
 - f. Wishing Bench
 - g. Bylaws update -- Aaron - 20 min
 - h. Conservation Overlay -- Dave, Aaron, KT, Jenn D, Vanessa, Candy Davis, Suzan Hampton
 - i. Home Tour
5. Reports - 15 minutes
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ELNA minutes April 2018

Present:

Catherine Reed, Dave Loewenstein, Derek Rogers, Eric Jay, Frank Janzen, Jennifer Distlehorst, Joshua Davis, KT Walsh, Lane Eisenbart, Lisa Larsen, Mark Hecker, Mike Anderson, Pam Blackburn, Phil Collison, Suzan Hampton

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Phil Collison

3. New Business/ In-depth discussion

a. Lawrence Parks and Rec -- Derek Rogers, and Mark Hecker from Parks and Rec want to work with neighborhood associations and get their input. Burroughs Creek Trail at 15th St will have a restroom, possibly fitness equipment. Hike through History plaques are being installed, will be unveiled Saturday April 28. There will be an event at Lawrence Brewing Co on Friday April 27. Many players are involved in revitalizing the woody park by Lawrence Memorial Hospital. KU will have a bike trail. Splash parks are being considered, locations to be determined. Parks and Rec is open to new projects, especially with public partnership. An ELNA concern is a skateboard park.

b. Suzan Hampton -- Prairie Block collaboration. A prairie restoration will be developed near the Community Orchard near 13th St. KU will design and build it, the KS Biological Survey will donate seeds. Soil preparation will start in the fall. Karl Ramberg will present a stone carving workshop. Plant and tree identification signs were suggested.

c. Arts Center Grant Update. Cindy is in dialogue with ArtPlace, not yet ready to present.

4. Recurring Updates

a. Rebuilding East 9th, City portion. K.T. Walsh reports that stone curbs are hard to join to streets. HRC will attempt to save brick sidewalks. Construction start date is uncertain. There were questions about AME church accessibility.

b. Downtown Grocery Store. A few design changes were made. The developer backed off on the loan request.

c. River Kings. Walking tours will be held in April and May. Dates are listed on the ELNA website.

e. Leon's House is almost done.

f. Wishing Bench. Eric Jay will make the new platform in his shop, probably will get it installed during April.

h. Conservation Overlay. A meeting was held. There's a neighborhood plan on the ELNA website. We will need to work with the city on this. It was moved and seconded to send a letter to HRC asking for their support.

i. Home Tour. Eric Jay. Tentative dates are October 13 and 14. Flyers and volunteers will be needed.

5. Reports

a. President. Dennis Brown may be a fundraiser for the AME church.

c. Treasurer. We have \$3655.33 balance. The YART sale raised \$2150.00. Student leadership grossed \$350.00. We spent \$50 on ads.

d. Coordinator. Newsletter items must be submitted by April 15.

Burroughs Creek Trail Clean Up -- Apr 14

Riverfront Clean up -- Apr 21st

There's a possibility of film showings in addition to the River Kings.

e. Committees

i. Budget/ Fundraising Committee. A sponsor has been found who requested a discount for multiple ads. Mike Anderson will talk with him.

ii. Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods talked about jail. The jail can be toured on Saturdays. KT Walsh would like to have a program re the jail.

iii. Historic Resources Commission. The owner of 826 Rhode Island did not follow the submitted plan.

iv. New York PTO/Site Council. Students can participate in the walkout. There's a new principal.

6. Updates / Announcements

Mike Anderson: the kickball team needs more players. Leo the Man pedestal is in place. A Peace Pole will be installed at NY school on May 3.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

East Lawrence News

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January 2018



ELNA General Meeting

JANUARY 8th

7-9 pm

New York Elementary School
Library

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

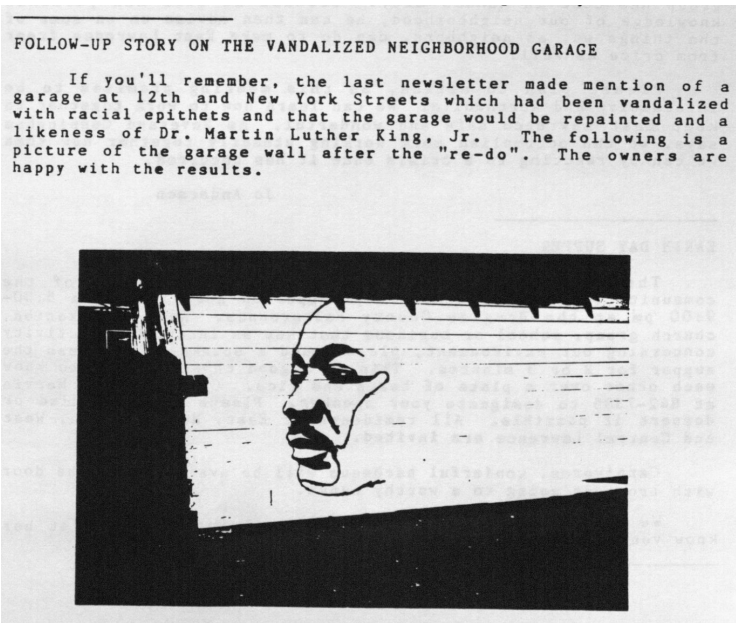
Don't miss the Annual MLK Chili Feed at New York Elementary on January 16th. ELNA archives indicate that the New York School Chili Feed tradition began in the mid-nineteen eighties when a group of New York teachers and neighbors decided they'd like to gather and celebrate Dr Martin Luther King Jr's life, 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!



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

Aaron Paden, Vice President



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"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
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"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



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Dave Loewenstein, Board Member

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"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

Preferred contact: email to harriskmtc@gmail.com



“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

Preferred Contact: email to andersonforlawrence@gmail.com

“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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