

Quarterly Neighborhood Performance Report - Quarter Four (May-July) Due August 10

Neighborhood_East Lawrence Neighborhood Assn ___ Completed By_Phil Collison_____ Date__08/12/18___
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Each Neighborhood is required to have at least quarterly meetings. (minutes must be attached.)	Meeting Date #1	<u>Monday May 7th, 2018</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>Yes</u>
	Meeting Date #2	<u>Monday June 4th, 2018</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>Yes</u>
	Meeting Date #3	<u>Monday July 8th, 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>Social Media</u>

Officer elections this quarter? (if so, attach list of new officers)	Yes X	No
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Each Neighborhood is encouraged to produce regular newsletters.	Date of Newsletter	<u>May 1 and July 1</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)

Best practices in regard to neighborhood events that can be shared with other neighborhood associations. Provide information on outreach, event, and outcome. (recommended). We started the quarter by organizing the music for new york school's peace pole dedication. We also ran fundraiser's at Kaw Valley Kickball games, went to City meetings, and rented the EL tiller and mower to folks who needed to mow! We also wrote letters to advocate for the Women of Color Mural, Locating the River Kings Exhibit at the Santa Fe Depot and to advocate for a proposed Splash Park to stay at

Any other information your neighborhood association feels will be information that will help to provide a clear view of your neighborhood associations accomplishments. (recommended). We have also been working with the Arts Center to spend out their grant with the unspent money left over from the old 9th street project. We've been trying to keep folks informed about the various road construction projects that are going on this summer. We have also been working to update our by-laws. See attached. And, we elected a new treasurer.

ELNA activities for 4th Quarter May June July 18

We had at least one rep at all City Commission and all the Historic Resources Commission Meetings during the time frame, and all 3 LAN meetings. We also have Reps at NY School Site Council Monthly Meetings through May. Every Thursday we send out Thursday E-news to about 300 email subscribers. We rented out the tiller twice in May and mower about 8 times in May and June (then it stopped growing!).

May 3 Peace Pole Dedication at NY School. ELNA provided 5 musicians.

May 7 General Meeting with 20 people at NY School

May 10 Open House to celebrate Leon's new house rebuild thanks to Joe and Marci! A festive time with about 40 East Siders and many more. At Leon Kimballs house on 1300 block Pennsylvania ST

May 10 CDBG meeting with 3 ELNAn's

May 30 Strategy session to discuss LAC Grant 4 ELNAn's

June 4 General Meeting with about 20 folks at Delaware St Commons Common House

June 19 City Commission Meeting with 3 ELNAn's

June 23 Met with WoC Mural people

June 24 Informal Meeting with Mayor discussing City Process

June 25 Strategy with KT

June 29 Info gathering Lunch with Michael Almon

July 9 General Meeting with 20 or so folks

July 11 Strategy to advertise LAC Grant Admin position with KT and Aaron (designated hiring committee)

July 18 Loop Signage Feedback Meeting at Carnegie BLDG with Parks and Rec. 2 EINan's

July 18 LAN Meeting one ELNAn

July 25th Bike Boulevard Meeting with Public Works Dept at Fire Station #5

July 28th Met with Aaron to discuss Applicants for LAC Grant position and set interview dates.

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Monday May 7th 2018

Present: Aaron Paden, Boog Highberger, Brenda Nunez, Catherine Reed, Cindy Suenram, Dave Loewenstein, Emily Heath, Frank Janzen, Jay Holley, Jennifer Distlehorst, Joe Bickford, Joshua Davis, Judy Romero, KT Walsh, Lane Eisenbart, Matt Williams, Mike Anderson, Pam Blackburn, Phil Collison, Vanessa Reynaga, KH Harris

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

1. Introductions.

2. Board members were reminded to fill in the CDBG quarterly report with meetings attended.

3. New Business/ In-depth discussion

1. Bylaws update. Aaron sent out the revised version and got no response. Lane will post the new version on the website and send out e-mails to the board. The new version must be posted for 30 days. Comments will be requested and we'll vote on the new bylaws at the July meeting.

2. Guest, Matt Williams of Lawrence Beer Co – 1- year birthday party will be a fundraiser for "People for Bikes," involving a bike ride, beer, bike valet and a dunk tank, May 19 at 2 pm. Another party will be held August Final Friday, including bands, with a low ticket price. Pam and Mike will recruit volunteers for the beer tent as a fundraiser for ELNA.

4. Recurring Updates

Art Place: Josh Davis reported that Cindy is still waiting for confirmation and will have more information next month. We'll ask Cindy if ELNA should send a letter to Art Place encouraging them to act. KT Walsh will write the letter. This was moved, seconded and passed.

1. Rebuilding East 9th. KT reported that the budget has been finalized, \$250 K more is needed for the sewer project. The street project is going out for bids and street work should start this summer. Stone curbs are not feasible.

2. Downtown Grocery Store. Price Chopper is asking for tax incentives. The footprint is still too big, according to HRC. The city is considering building a parking garage.

3. Riverkings. Barbara requests that ELNA send a letter of support to the Depot and the City that space be saved in the renovation for the museum be housed in the renovated Amtrak depot. It was moved, seconded and passed that Phil write a letter to the depot supporting this.

4. Hike Through History. The signs are in place. Lane will check into the possibilities of extending the HH south of 23rd St.

5. Leon's House is done! There will be an open house this Thursday May 10, 5-7 pm at 1231 Penn.

6. Wishing Bench repair action is imminent.

7. Newsletter sponsors will contact Lane.

8. Conservation Overlay is on the agenda at HRC. A subcommittee was appointed to develop a proposal to meet with the city regarding moving forward with the overlay. The ELNA committee will meet.

9. Home Tour. Mike: the home tour group will meet this week and send out info to the board. The tour will be held Saturday October 13 and include 6 or 8 houses. It's time to make fliers.

5. Reports

1. President. Phil is working on the CDBG report. He'll attend the May 10 meeting and encouraged others to do so. Allen Press is interested in bidding on printing the newsletter, perhaps other neighborhood association newsletters also. They'll have a business membership.

2. Vice-President. May 20, June 3 and June 10 are kickball concession nights. All are welcome to work, talk to Aaron and Pam.

3. Treasurer. We have \$2538.11 in the bank.

4. Coordinator. Lane has reserved Hobbs park for the block party. An offer of a bounce house was rejected. The June, July and August meetings can be held at Delaware St. Commons. Catherine will reserve the space.

5. Committees

i. Budget/ Fundraising Committee

ii. Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods is considering density and rental issues. Should ELNA discuss these? 19th St., sidewalks and apartment buildings are being discussed.

iii. Planning Commission

iv. Historic Resources Commission. The scofflaw builder will remodel to HRC specs.

v. City Commission. Where will the splash park be located? This will be discussed Tuesday. KT will speak on Parnell Park's behalf.

vi. CDAC

vii. New York PTO/Site Council. The Peace Pole has been dedicated.

6. Updates, Announcements and Misc

1. Mike is still looking for kickball players.

2. Board members got e-mails from Brad reporting that he is no longer able to maintain the mowers and tillers. We may be able to get these repaired at Cottin's Hardware in exchange for advertising.

3. Comments were made about the Food Truck Festival. The trash pickup was excellent, given the crowd of perhaps 3500. More chairs in the shade and a bike valet would enhance the experience.

4. By Vanessa: the WoC muralists are asking permission to place a mural on the library wall. They'll present at the city meeting at 5:45 on May 15. ELNA members are encouraged to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Submitted by Catherine C. Reed, ELNA secretary

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East Lawrence Neighborhood Association

Monday June 4th Delaware St Commons, 1222 Delaware St

Present:

Aaron Paden, Boog Highberger, Catherine Reed, Cindy Maude, Cindy Suenram, Dave Lowenstein, Eric Jay, Frank Janzen, Jennifer Distlehorst, Joe Bickford, Judy Romero, KH, KT Walsh, Lane Eisenbart, Lisa Larsen, Michael Davidson, Mike Anderson, Penn Pennel, Phil Collison

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

1. Introductions.
2. Housekeeping Announcements
 - a. July meeting delayed one week
 - b. June July and August will be at the DSC Common House
 - c. Treasurer selection and bylaw change approval will occur at the July meeting. Mike Anderson volunteered to replace KH as treasurer.
3. March minutes were approved, May minutes approved as corrected.
 - a. REMINDER: CDBG quarterly report: fill in meetings attended, esp BOARD

4. New Business/ In-depth discussion
 - a. Bylaws update. Both new and old versions of the bylaws will be posted for public review, with possible approval at the July meeting. Moved and passed.

5. Recurring Updates

- a. Arts Place Grant. Update by Cindy Maude, Lawrence Arts Center.

The proposal that the whole grant should go to St. Luke AME was rejected by ArtsPlace as ArtsPlace prefers a broader scope including more artists. (St. Luke is mounting its own capital campaign. Should ELNA be involved in this?)

Cindy submitted a comparison of old and new budgets plus a timeline. The full updated report will be posted on the ELNA website and linked to Facebook for public input. Depending on the input received by the ArtsPlace grant committee, ELNA will approve or reject the report at the July meeting. If the report is approved, recruitment for the facilitator and other positions will begin immediately. A motion to this effect was passed unanimously.

Margaret Morris is the new Arts Center CEO. The City of Lawrence supports the project. ELNA and the Arts Center will work together on hiring. The original 5 artists will be included, the others will be juried. There's a concern that not everyone agrees with the plan: there must be buy-in from all the artists. Cindy will follow up with those who have disagreed in the past. Seeing the 9th street repairs in progress will energize the neighborhood.

- b. Rebuilding East 9th, City portion. The project is out for bids.
- c. Downtown Grocery Store. Parking is still an issue.

d. Riverkings. Phil sent a letter of support to Tom Markus and to Steve Novak at the Watkins Museum.

e. Wishing Bench. It looks great thanks to work by Eric Jay and his crew. It is very sturdy and heavy and will be difficult to move.

f. Conservation Overlay. We're waiting for HRC to talk with the City Commissioners.

g. Home Tour. Eric has the contacts. Probably 8 houses will be on the tour. Tickets will cost \$20. The committee will do a flyer during July, volunteers must be recruited by August 1. Signs for each house, flyers, postcards, booties and maps are need, and an after party will be planned.

6. Reports

a. President. We're in good shape financially from CDBG. The zoning board will make exceptions for duplexes on small properties.

b. Vice-President. Kickball concessions netted \$289.50. There's another game this Sunday.

c. Treasurer. We have \$2491.11 in the bank.

d. Coordinator. July newsletter submissions are due June 15. Lane will pursue a sponsor for the block party Sept 22. Aaron is recruiting a reggae band. Lane will also look into music. Some documents were removed from the website due to lack of space. Lane and Aaron will pursue options for keeping all documents accessible.

e. Committees

i. Budget/ Fundraising Committee

ii. Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods discussed Tenants to Homeowners.

iii. Planning Commission

iv. Historic Resources Commission will hold its state meeting in Lawrence Sept20-22.

v. City Commission. Parks and Rec wants to install the splash pond at South Park. KT will write a letter asking for the pond to be installed in East Lawrence. Phil will distribute the letter.

vi. CDAC has more money.

vii. New York PTO/Site Council. The new principal is here.

7. Updates / Announcements.

Penn thanked ELNA for help with the integrated stormwater management. They'll bring the poster to the block party.

The swim club pool near Kennedy School needs repair. Lane will check into fundraising.

The kickball team almost had to forfeit their game but were able to recruit a player on the spot. More players are needed, especially women over age 18.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25.

Present:

Aaron Paden, Angie Ayrault, Catherine Reed, Cindy Maude, Connie Fitzpatrick, Dave Lowenstein, Eric Jay, Joe Bickford, Joshua Davis, KT Walsh, Lane Eisenbart, Margaret Morris, Marilyn Hinojosa, Michael Davidson, Mike Anderson, Pam Blackburn, Phil Collison, Stephen Johnson, Vanessa Reynaga

1. Introductions

2. Housekeeping Announcements: June, July and August will be at the DSC Common House

3. Approvals: none

- a. REMINDER: CDBG qrt report: fill in meetings attended, esp BOARD
- b. Treasurer Election: Mike Anderson agreed to be treasurer and was accepted by acclamation. Aaron Paden is willing to help out and may run for treasurer at a later date.
- c. Bylaw Changes approval. The bylaw changes were approved unanimously. The new bylaws can be seen on the website. Meetings will be the second Monday, rather than the first Monday, starting in January 2019.
- d. Pam Blackburn will substitute as secretary at the August meeting.

4. 13th St bicycle boulevard. 13th St. has been designated a “major trafficway” by the city with the goal of receiving a grant for traffic calming. No neighborhood input was requested before this decision was made.

5. Recurring Updates

- a. WOC Mural Letter of Support. ELNA sent a letter stating we had met with WOC representatives, now the WoC representatives are asking for a letter of support to the city council for painting the mural directly on the concrete. They described the process, which will produce a longer-lasting mural and will not damage the concrete. It was passed unanimously that the letter should be sent.
- b. Arts Place Grant, Lawrence Arts Center. Cindy Maude outlined changes to the proposal. These will be posted on the ELNA website. The changes were approved and the board voted unanimously to accept the proposal as amended. ELNA will recommend a Neighborhood Partner: a job description will be posted and circulated in the ELNA news outlets. Margaret Morris will choose the Lawrence Arts Center coordinator.
- c. **Rebuilding East 9th**, City portion. Ninth and Connecticut Streets will be worked on during July. A bid has been approved.
- d. **Downtown Grocery Store.** Nothing new.
- e. **Riverkings.** The Living River Festival will take place July 20-22. The city is not ready to commit regarding museum space in the Santa Fe depot. ELNA will stay in touch with Barbara and with the city on this issue.
- f. **Conservation Overlay.** We’re still waiting for HRC to set up a meeting with the city. The plan is on the HRC website.
- g. **Home Tour.** Four homeowners have agreed to be on the tour, we need more. Eric will continue to contact homeowners and would appreciate suggestions.

6. Reports

- a. President. No report.
- b. Vice-President. Concessions have grossed \$521.00. There are two more games to come.
- c. Treasurer. We have \$3059.00 in the bank.
- d. Coordinator. The retiring principal sent a thank-you note for the gift card. We need to plan the block party. The September meeting will be delayed. Hike through History: there's a concern over the lack of mention of Haskell University. If the panels continue south of 23rd St. Haskell information will be placed there.
- e. Committees. Aaron, Phil and KT will form a committee to recruit the neighborhood partner for LAC and bring their nomination to the August meeting for approval. The motion was carried unanimously.
 - i. Budget/ Fundraising Committee. No report.
 - ii. Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods. No report.
 - iii. Planning Commission. No report.
 - iv. Historic Resources Commission. They approved the WoC mural proposal.
- v. City Commission. There's a concern about lack of rental housing. Police will have body cams in the future. A special meeting will be held to discuss marijuana.
- vi. CDAC. No report.
- vii. New York PTO/Site Council. No report.

7. Updates / Announcements. Splash park. KT wrote a letter urging that the splash park be located at 15th St. and Burroughs Creek Trail. It was moved and passed that Pam will edit the letter and send it out to Parks and Rec. Lane will write to Positive Bright Start and urge them to support the E. Lawrence location.

ELNA thanked Mike for delivering the newsletters.

Dave Lowenstein reports that there will be a program of art shows, a walking tour and speakers regarding art and activism including unheard voices. This will occur in about a year.

The Statewide Preservation Conference members will meet with ELNA.

More people will be recruited for next year's Juneteenth celebration. Discussions on race will be held at the Lawrence Public Library: KT will send the schedule.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm. Minutes prepared by Catherine Reed

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
of
EAST LAWRENCE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
(Adopted July 2018)

Formerly known as the East Lawrence Improvement Association and as the East Lawrence Project
Area Committee (P.A.C.)

An organization to be called the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association has been formed by residents and property owners within that area of the City of Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas bounded on the North by the Kaw River, on the South by 15th Street and on the East by the Railroad Tracks. The West boundaries are as follows: Rhode Island Street between the river and 9th Street; the alley behind New Hampshire Street between 9th and 11th Streets; Rhode Island Street between 11th and South Park Streets; and Massachusetts between South Park Street and 15th Street.

SECTION I Name

The name of the association is the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association.

SECTION II Purpose

The purpose of the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association is to facilitate understanding with the City of Lawrence and Douglas County; to maintain and enhance living conditions; to better communications in East Lawrence, and to maintain good relations among resident neighbors, businesses and organizations within our area.

SECTION III Membership

1. Membership is open to adult persons residing in or owning property within that area of the City of Lawrence, Kansas defined above as ELNA. (Persons under 18 may be associate members until legal age.)
2. Dues of the Association shall be One Dollar (\$1.00) per person per year or One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for a lifetime membership, payable in advance.
3. Each non-profit organization operating within or without the above-defined area may be an associate (non-voting) member with a paid fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), or One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) a lifetime associate (non-voting) membership.
4. Each business within the boundaries defined above may be an associate (non-voting) member, with a paid fee of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00), or Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) a lifetime associate (non-voting) membership.
5. Businesses outside of the above-defined area may become an associate (non-voting) member with a paid fee of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00), or Two-Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) a lifetime associate (non-voting) membership.
6. Interested persons residing outside the boundaries defined above may become associate non- voting members and receive the newsletter for a yearly subscriber fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00).
7. No person shall be excluded from membership on account of race, color, creed, gender, sexual orientation, religion or political views.

SECTION IV Meetings

1. The annual meeting of members shall be held at such place in the City of Lawrence as may be

designated by the Board of Directors.

3. The annual meeting of members shall be held on the 2nd Monday of November at 7:00 o'clock p.m. at which time the members shall elect board members for the ensuing year and shall transact other such business as may properly come before the meeting. If a legal holiday, then on the next day following at 7:00 o'clock p.m.
4. Monthly meetings shall be held on the 2nd Monday of each month. If a legal holiday, then on the next day, or the following Monday, at 7:00 o'clock p.m as determined by decision of the board.
5. The Board of Directors may call special meetings of the members for any purpose or purposes.
6. Notice stating the time and place of the annual meetings of the members and the general nature of the business to be considered shall be given to each member at least seven (7) days before the meeting by means of website, email, social media, paper newsletter, and/or any combination of the afore-mentioned.
7. The President shall call the meeting of members to order and shall act as chair of such meetings. In the event of the President's absence or disability, the Vice President or other appointed Board Member, shall serve as chair. The Secretary of the Association shall act as Secretary of all meetings. The Chair shall appoint another person to act as Secretary pro tem when necessary. The President shall refrain from voting except to act as the tie breaker.
8. Ten (10) voting members of the Association, present in person shall constitute a quorum of all meetings of the members, and a majority of Board of Directors members is a quorum for transacting business. No meeting shall be dismissed in less than thirty (30) minutes while waiting for a quorum.

SECTION V Board of Directors

1. The property and business of the Association shall be managed under the general supervision of the Board of Directors.
2. The Board of Directors shall consist of the four (4) officers and no less than one (1) and up to ten (10) additional members, elected as described elsewhere in this document. All Board Members must be voting-eligible members. The previous year's President shall be on the Board of Directors.
3. The Board of Directors shall be elected by the voting-eligible members of the Association at the annual meeting, a process described elsewhere in this document. Each representative shall serve for a term of one (1) year and until his/her successor shall be elected.
4. The newly-elected Board of Directors shall hold its first meeting for the purpose of organization and transaction of business, if a quorum be present, immediately after the annual meeting of the members of the Association or at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the members of the Board present.
5. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President upon the request by any member of the Board of Directors.
6. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but if at any such meeting there shall be less than a quorum present, the members of the Board present may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum is present.

8. The Board of Directors shall execute the plans and policies adopted by the Association and shall recommend plans and policies to the Association.
9. Any Board Member absent three (3) consecutive meetings, without giving prior notice to any officer or coordinator, may be removed by a majority vote at a subsequent meeting.
10. No more than thirty-five percent (35%) of the members of the Board of Directors shall be members who have joined the Association for the first time within the 90 days prior to and including the annual meeting.
11. Vacancies: In the event of any vacancy on the Board of Directors, voting eligible members may elect a successor for the unexpired term at a subsequent meeting. The general guidelines of elections will be observed in the appointment of a Board vacancy.
12. Board Service In-Eligibility: If a Board Member is no longer a bonafide resident of the above-defined area, and therefore no longer a voting-eligible Association member, he or she may finish his or her term with permission of the Board.

SECTION VI Officers

1. The officers of the Association shall be President, Vice-President, a Secretary and Treasurer. No person shall serve more than one office simultaneously.
2. The Board of Directors of the Association newly elected at the annual meeting of the members shall elect the President, Vice-President, and Secretary of the Association for one (1) year, or until the election qualification of their successors.
3. The Board of Directors of the Association at the July members meeting shall elect the Treasurer of the Association for one (1) year concurrent with the fiscal year of the Association, August 1st to July 31st.
4. In the event of a vacancy in any office, the successor officer shall be elected by a majority vote from the Board of Directors and candidates shall be confined to members of the Board. The successor officer shall hold the office for the remainder of the term.
5. President: The president shall have the usual power and authority vested in the office of the President of an unincorporated association, and shall execute the plans and policies of the Association, and shall perform such other duties as the Board may prescribe.
6. Vice President: The authority and duties of the Vice President shall be determined by the Board of Directors. In the event of the President's absence or disability, the Vice President shall serve as interim President and perform the duties and exercise the powers of the office.
7. Secretary: The Secretary shall attend all sessions of the Board and all meetings of the Association and record all votes and minutes of all proceedings to be archived. They shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the members and of the Board, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board, or the President under whose supervision he/she shall perform their duties
8. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall have general custody of the funds of the Association and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Association, and shall deposit all money in the name and to the credit of the Association in such manner and in such depository as shall be designated by the Board. They shall cause the funds of the Association to be disbursed in such manner as shall be designated by the Board

10. and see that proper vouchers cover all disbursements. They shall render at all meetings, or whenever the Board may require it, a proper account and statement showing the financial condition of the Association.
11. **Representatives:** The board of directors shall appoint a representative to the Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods and to various organizations to act on behalf of the board. Representatives shall report back to the board on at least a bi-monthly basis.

SECTION VII Elections and Voting

1. At the annual members meeting each November, detailed above, a Board of Directors and Officers shall be elected by a majority of members of the Association. The newly elected Board of Directors shall then elect the President, Vice President, and Secretary at the November meeting or at the next regular meeting if voting and ballot counts exceed 9pm.
2. If a tie for the 14th Board position occurs - the newly elected board of directors shall break the tie.
3. All members, including current Board members, wishing to serve on the Board of Directors must declare their intention to run for election at the Association meeting in October, to be elected in November.
4. Only voting-eligible members may vote on the slate of Board of Directors. As defined in the membership section, only in-neighborhood individual members, not associate members, are eligible to vote.
5. Voters must be present and legally adults (age 18 or older) to vote. No underage voters or proxies.
6. The vote for Board of Directors and Officers shall be conducted by ballot or voice.
7. The Association's Coordinator will provide all necessary voting materials, collect, and count votes, and abstain from voting if a ballot vote is necessary.

SECTION VIII Checks

1. All checks or demands for money of the Association shall be signed by one of the following: Treasurer, President, Vice President, Secretary, or Coordinator.

SECTION IX Amendments

1. These by-laws may not be altered, amended, or repealed except by a majority vote of those members of the Association present at a meeting called pursuant to thirty (30) days, which notice sets forth the proposed alteration, amendment or repeal to be considered at said meeting.

SECTION X Miscellaneous

1. The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association shall have an Annual Picnic.
2. ELNA has created and will follow a Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan - available on the website or by request from the board of directors either in writing or in person at a meeting of the board.
3. Don Schaake and Lorraine Bodin are to be honorary citizens of East Lawrence and members of the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association, with paid-in-full, lifetime memberships.
4. Lifetime Members as of 7/4/15
 - a. David Whitaker, Wyatt Whitaker, Kitty Tinsman, John Gascon, Eric Jay, Thomas Peters, Penny's Concrete, Dennis Brown, Don Schaake, and Lorraine Bodin.
5. Lifetime Members as of 7/9/18

East Lawrence News

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May 2018



ELNA General Meeting

MAY 7th 7-9 pm

New York Elementary School
Library

👉 Agenda

Recurring Updates

the agenda as it is known can
always be viewed on our website:
eastlawrence.com>join>meetings

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The YART Sale was a roaring success again this year. Thank you friends, all who donated and volunteered and shopped and played music. Thank you!

Adina and Chelsey Scanland

Phil Collison

Daina Holmes family,
signs by Milo and Ivy

Joe McGill

Arch Naramore and Cindy Suenram

Cindy Trask and Gotfred Beardshear

Tony Peterson and Mike Rundle

Zippy

Eric Farnsworth and Jean Burgess

Ralph Metcalf

KT Walsh and Brad Gibson

Brenda Nunez

Danika Vann

Joe Bickford and marci francisco

Mike Myers

Pam Blackburn

Ro O'Leary and Sophie Werth

Janice McLean and Robert Conard

Matt, Ella, and Max Hall

Liz Tolbert and Rae Johnson

Dacia

Marilyn Hamrick

Jennifer Distlehorst

Kelly Hurst

Karen Seibel

Heather Eldridge

Heather Coates

Scott Watson

Aaron Paden

Papa Kenos Pizza

Derald Carlson

Debra Bradley and grands

Viann Abel

Andrea LeBeau Spotted Horse
and daughter

Community Village Lawrence

Nick Ward and Tenants to Homeowners

Jill Ensley

Kim Brook

Jana Butcher

Adrian Jacobs

Penn Pennel

Nancy and Carol Schwarting

Meredith Johnson and Brad

Mick Palmer

Ardys Ramberg

John Thompson

Alonzo Beardshear

Rick Frydman and Lisa Harris

Emily Russel and Phil

Hear and Now with Jane Live,

Joe Bickford and Gregor Brune

Linda Clark

Alferd Packer Memorial String Band

Lilly Mason and Anil Kamat

KT and Dave would like to especially
thank neighbor and friend, David
Speakman. David passed away recently
and wished his estate donated to the
YART Sale. Thank you, David.

Peace Pole Dedication and Party

New York Elementary's Peace Pole will be dedicated on Thursday May 3rd starting at 2pm. Starting off the event, guests will read aloud in all 8 languages on the pole, in their native tongue. Pretty cool! Following that, from approx 2:25 to 3:05 student leaders club will make presentations, and Mrs DeGarmo will give a speech as well. Immediately following the ceremony, we'll have a party on the south playground until about 4:30, with music and food. Please bring a potluck item to share. All neighbors and friends are invited to attend.

With questions, you may contact New York Elementary Parent Involvement Facilitator Joanna Bonee at joanna.bonee@usd497.org.

4th Annual Kansas Food Truck Festival

to benefit
Just Food

Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM

The Fourth Annual Kansas Food Truck Festival will be held May 6th, 2017 from 4pm to 10pm in the Warehouse Arts District. The family-friendly event will benefit Just Food, the Douglas County Food Bank.

The event is returning with 30 food trucks, expanded lineup of live entertainment and beer garden. The entertainment is comprised of family friendly activities include face painting, a bouncy house as well as live street performers from the Lawrence Busker Festival and live musical performances by local musicians.

Tickets are \$10 and children under 12 are free! The ticket covers entrance to the festival and gives you access to 30 food trucks and 4 stages of live entertainment. The proceeds from the ticket benefits Just Food.

We anticipate this event will sell out,
get your tickets today!
www.ksfoodtruckfest.com

Sunrise Project Plant Sales

This year, Sunrise Project will host THREE organic transplant sales! We'll have more varieties to choose from this year:

We'll have LOTS of Native plants, Herbs, Kale, Chard, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Peppers, Tomatillos, Okra, and several flowers options!

Join us on the following Saturdays from 9am to 2pm at Sunrise: 1501 Learnard Ave

April 14th, April 28th and May 12th

Cash, check and credit card accepted.

And this year, you can visit Sunrise Coffee for a cup and a treat!



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Save the Date!

The Living River Festival: July 20th through 21st

A two-day celebration of the human/river connection. Come enjoy film screenings, lecture, artists, demonstrations, activities, food vendors, poetry readings and more.
Free Admission/\$5 donation suggested.

Friday July 20

6:30pm-8:00pm Opening ceremony, reception, and presentation of past peoples on the Kansas River (tribal people, fishermen, ferries, industry) 1850-1970

8:00-8:30pm Film / 8:30pm Q and A

Saturday July 21 1:00-4:00pm River Art Show

1:30-2:30pm Net making demo

1:30-3:00pm Activity tables:

fish stamps tree bark press mud sculpture kids corner

Presentations

2:30-3:00pm Guest author readings by Annette Hope Billings

3:00-3:30pm Navigating the Kaw River/Yesterday and Today

3:30-4:00pm Human effects on the River

4:00pm Closing Ceremony

Walking Tours Continue:

Guided Walking Tour and Coffee Discussions

Beginning in Spring 2018 the Kansas Riverkings Museum exhibition will provide guided walking tours to the public. Education director, Barbara Higgins-Dover will lead the group on a journey into the past when 19th century rivermen worked the waters and sold what they caught to a hungry community.

We'll begin our journey either in front of Levee Café or at the Springhill Suites hotel lobby on the riverfront. From there we'll head out on a four stop walk across the Kansas River bridge and back.

Along the way you'll hear about:

The earliest Riverkings

Where they built their fishing cabins

Equipment and techniques

How they marketed what they caught.

You'll also learn about lives lost, lives saved, and the great floods!

2018 SCHEDULE OF STARTING POINTS

Saturdays at 11am- Pre-register at bhigginsdover@gmail.com

May 5 Levee Cafe

May 12 Springhill Suites

May 19 Levee Café

May 26 Springhill Suites

After returning from this 40-minute tour your group will come together for coffee discussions at the location where you began.

IN CASE OF RAIN: If it's raining or rain is forecast for the allotted time, tour will be canceled.

Example Tour: Meet at 11am Levee Café, head out for 40-minute tour, return to Levee Café for coffee and discussion.

COST?

A \$5.00 DONATION IS EXPECTED BEFORE THE TOUR BEGINS.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AND THOSE UNDER 12 ARE FREE.

Lawrence Summer Food Program

FUEL UP 4 SUMMER!

Monday-Friday, June 4 – August 3.

Sites will be closed July 4-6.

All youth between 1 year-old and 18 years-old are eligible for free meals.

No Registration | No Fee | Just show up

No food is allowed to be taken off-site.

Locations and times for meals are as follows:

LUNCH ONLY

EAST LAWRENCE RECREATION CENTER
1245 E. 15TH ST.

June 4-Aug. 3 (excluding July 4-6)

Lunch only from noon to 1 p.m.

LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY
707 VERMONT ST.

June 4-Aug. 3 (excluding July 4)

Lunch only from noon to 1 p.m.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

LIBERTY MEMORIAL CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL
1400 Mass. St.

June 4-Aug. 3 (excluding July 4)

Breakfast from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

DINNER (Provided by Harvesters)

KIDS' CAFE LAWRENCE – DOUGLAS COUNTY
HOUSING AUTHORITY

1600 Haskell Ave. #187

Monday-Thursdays June 4-Aug. 10 (excluding July 4)

Dinner from 5 to 6 p.m.

Adults must accompany anyone under the age of 4. Adults may purchase breakfast for \$2.15 and lunch for \$3.45. For more information, please contact the K-State Research & Extension of Douglas County at (785) 843-7058. Or visit Lawrence Public Schools for more information.

Recently, neighbor and KU student, Penn Pennel, contacted the neighborhood for input on their Urban Design project regarding areas in East Lawrence that lack adequate drainage. KT, the very best pen pal in the land, wrote the following notes for Penn's project. We thought it was a fun concise history lesson, good enough to share with you all. Enjoy!

From KT to Penn, March, 2018

East Lawrence has traditionally been known as “the Bottoms” because of routine flooding in this geographically low-lying area. The Bottoms sometimes refers to not only East Lawrence, but all the way east to Eudora because the river floods a enriches the soil making it some of the most valuable planting areas in the US.

Before people understood germ theory, it was believed that the lower parts of towns held disease, poisonous miasma and the air was dangerous to breathe. So, low-lying areas became the least expensive and disdained neighborhoods. Considered unhealthy coupled with racism and classism made East Lawrence a “dangerous” neighborhood. Until approximately 2010, I heard people say they were afraid to go east of Mass.

Before the white people came and declared Lawrence a town, eleven indigenous tribes moved through our area, while free African Americans and enslaved people escaping the East and South lived here because of the access to the river. Then, poor white people, mainly eastern Europeans came, and Mexican Americans who were recruited to work the railroads.

Some East Lawrencians achieved monetary success as merchants and landlords. These folks mainly lived along Rhode Island St, and a few on Connecticut St, near downtown.

The vast majority of East Lawrencians were servants, cooks, laundresses, ditch diggers, stable hands, yard men, bricklayers, etc. Many worked at KU as cooks, grounds keepers, lab cleaners, and other labor jobs.

I'm telling you this as background but also because of the literal blood, sweat, and tears that have drained into the soil of our home place.

ELNA Meeting May 7th, 2018,

7-9 pm at New York School

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Thanks for the good work and help from:

Josh Davis, Contractor
Mike Myers, drawings
STAND Structural Engineering Inc
Scott Temperature, energy audit
Ernie Fantini, Master Carpenter
Lane Eisenbart, water, electricity
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Advantage Heating and A/C
ATEC Services, electrical
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Paradigm Design

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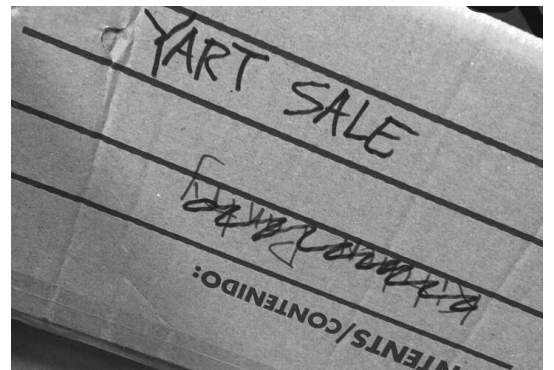
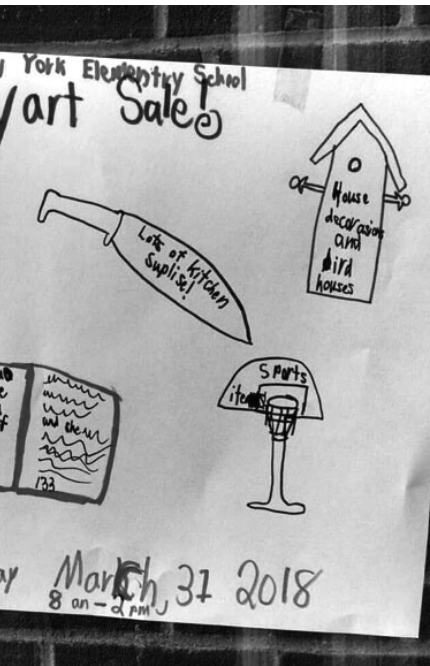
with appreciation,
Joe Bickford and marci francisco

Open House at 1231 Pennsylvania...5-7pm Thursday May 10th



2018 YART Sale





K-12 Student Summer Bus Pass on sale now

Bus pass for students will start on May 1

The K-12 Student Summer Bus Pass is now on sale. Students can access unlimited rides on any Lawrence Transit bus from May 1 until August 31 for only \$10.00.

Riding the bus gives kids the freedom to get around in the summer. The Student Summer Bus Pass is a great way for K-12 students to get to the pool, the library, community centers, parks, and shopping.

It is easier than ever to purchase the Student Summer Bus Pass. Beginning April 16, the bus passes will be available at many locations around town.

Starting April 16

- Dillons stores
- Hy-Vee stores
- The Merc
- City Hall
- Community Building
- East Lawrence Rec Center
- Holcom Rec Center
- Sports Pavilion Lawrence
- Indoor Aquatic Center

Starting May 26 (when they open)

- Outdoor Aquatic Center

This is the sixth year of the Student Summer Bus Pass program in Lawrence. This past year, Lawrence Transit added the K-12 fall and spring passes to provide \$10.00 bus passes to students during the school year. With the spring, summer and fall passes, K-12 students can receive discounted bus service all year long.

For more information about how to ride the bus, visit www.lawrencetransit.org or call (785) 864-4644.



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Friends of Oak Hill Cemetery Update

The Friends of Oak Hill are in the beginning stages of applying for 501c3 status. We are in need of donations of "seed money" to cover fees associated with applying for non-profit status and to help cover printing costs of informational materials. Details on fundraising efforts will be available soon on our Facebook page "Friends of Oak Hill Cemetery". In the meantime, we can be reached through the FB page or by e-mail at: Friendsofoakhillcemetery@gmail.com regarding questions or donations.

The Douglas County Kansas Heritage Conservation Council is hosting a 2 day cemetery conservation workshop on May 17th - 18th, entitled: "Tombstones on The Prairie: A Kansas Cemetery Conservation Workshop". The workshop will be held at the Douglas County Fairgrounds on day one, and day two will be onsite at Oak Hill Cemetery. The focus of the workshop is to instruct attendees on the proper cleaning, minor repair and resetting of small monuments. At last check, the workshop was nearly full, with almost 50 attendees expected!

The Parks and Rec department is working on new signage for Oak Hill that will display the cemetery's status as a national historic register site and will give information on various historical monuments and background. The signage should be installed by summer 2018.

The Kansas Biological Survey has teamed with the Grassland Heritage Foundation and the Jayhawk Audubon Society to help beautify the several triangular shaped common areas / medians throughout Oak Hill. Their work will take place this spring/early summer.

With Memorial Day in our sights, The parks and rec staff and The Friends of Oak Hill would like to remind community members to review the regulations at Oak Hill before placing decorations at city cemeteries. At Oak Hill, the regulations prevent the installation of shepherd's hooks or hanging baskets/decor, and prohibit glass containers of any kind. All flowers and decorations must be placed within 6" of the monument and all decorations of any kind will be removed 1 week after Memorial Day by city staff. These regulations are in place to assist in safe mowing practices and to prevent debris created by mowers coming into contact with wires and other hazards from decorations. For a full list of regulations at Oak Hill, please log on to: <https://assets.lawrenceks.org/assets/lprd/parks/pdf/cemeteryrules.pdf>

Finally, Friends of Oak Hill are also actively seeking interested community members to join us in our efforts. There is no charge for membership. Basically, we need people who are interested in working together long term with the city in order to protect and preserve Oak Hill. We are asking anyone interested to contact us by e-mail at: Friendsofoakhillcemetery@gmail.com

Thanks! Shannon and Coyla

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Now for Drainage to the River:

Storm water has pooled badly along New York at 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th Streets for years. The City has recently attempted repairs with middling results. The 9th and New York St drainage will be worked on this summer as part of the E 9th rebuild.

I lived on Garfield St (shotgun house next to the Community Orchard) when I first moved here some 43 years ago. We had terrible flooding and the City would never listen to complaints. This was the usual treatment of East Lawrence which was thought to be an unimportant neighborhood full of poor people.

The downhill flow of storm water from Mt Oread created swamps in our yards. Finally, a progressive City Commissioner, Nancy Schontz helped us. She came walking down Garfield in hip boots to see how high the water was. She got the City to do repairs. This was highly unusual and she went on to be a fierce historic preservationist for Lawrence.

There are many, many sidewalks where rainwater pools, washes mud and debris over the walks and covers them. Homeowners and landlords are responsible for sidewalk repairs in Lawrence, but, poorer people, elders, and people with disabilities can't afford materials to fix them, may not have the skills to fix them, or pay someone to fix them.

Incidentally, as a proponent of preserving our historic brick sidewalks and stone curbs, the CAN be laid to be ADA compliant. Do not believe the naysayers.

A well laid brick sidewalk drains well if it has a slight rise in the center, sloping down on the sides. Water also drains between the bricks to the ground.

North of the Amtrak Santa Fe train depot, in the woods, there was a good trail down to the river used by lots of folks to fish, swim, skip rocks, look for fossils, eagle watch, etc. When the City and Amtrak did some repairs to the depot some 5 years ago, the hired engineers put in a big drainage pipe for the runoff from the depot and the tracks. This rapidly washed out the trail and continues to erode the resulting ravine. Mike Myers, wonderful neighbor, has twice constructed walk boards so you can cross the gap. The current boards are holding.

My dream is to have handicap accessible trail down to the River, along with an accessible dock. There's no funding for this, and I don't have time to champion the cause with all of our other current issues. So, many folks don't go to, or can't access the river. Our kids need to learn how wonderful it is, all the creatures that live in and around the river and where the water comes from.

The Church of Malt Liquor:

This is the big ravine north of the Poehler Building. It was given this name some fifteen years ago by young folks who hang out there to be in a secret place away from adults, and do all the things young people want to do away from adult eyes, if you know what I mean. Sometimes bands perform there.

It's an old city storm water drain that is stone and lovely inside. When the water is high, it fills the ravine, deep enough that fishing boats come all the way up. Cranes, ducks, and all sorts of birds come and go there.

This ravine also has a rapidly eroding west side and the City has plans to replace the old stone storm drain, but I don't know when.

There were at least two slaughterhouses nearby in the 1800s and 1900s. They dumped animal bones in this ravine, which surely enriched the soil. Often people find them and mistakenly think they have valuable prehistoric find.

KT Walsh

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Moving this Summer?

Tips on managing your moving out waste from the City of Lawrence:

May and July are peak months for moving out of apartments and homes in Lawrence. Moving can create a lot of waste and a little planning goes a long way toward reducing the amount of waste your move produces. Please help our community keep reusable goods out of the landfill.

Got cardboard? The City provides drop off bins for large quantities of cardboard boxes. Check the City website for a list of locations <https://lawrenceks.org/swm/rescitydropoff/>. The cardboard bin at On the Rocks, 1818 Mass Street, is nearest most East Lawrence residences.

Bulky Item Pickup? Schedule a pick up for discarded bulky items such as carpet, tires, appliances, etc, by completing the form on the City website at <https://lawrenceks.org/swm/swbulkitem/>. Or call 832-3032. Consider donating large items that may still be usable. Call the Habitat ReStore 856-6920 to see if your item qualifies for pick up.

Household Hazardous Waste? Paint, cleaners, pesticides, automobile fluids, batteries, and more can be disposed of safely by calling the Household Hazardous Waste facility at 832-3030 to schedule a drop off. The facility is located at 711 E 23rd, but waste is only accepted by appointment. There is no charge to Douglas County residents.

Items for Donation? Search for local donation, reuse, and recycling options on the Lawrence Recycles directory at LawrenceRecycles.org.

And remember, the City Trash and Recycling Carts belong to the address to which they were delivered. Don't take them with you!

With any questions, call Lawrence Recycles at 832-3030.

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ELNA

General Meeting

JULY 9th 7-9 pm

Delaware Street Commons
Common House

👉 Agenda

Recurring Updates

the agenda as it is known can
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From The President

Welcome to the throes of Summer! I hope everyone is finding a way to stay cool. East Lawrence has been doing the concessions at some of the KVKL Sunday Night Kickball games at Hobbs Park. (Games usually run 9 to 10:30pm-ish.) We'll be there for the July 8th and 15th games, and the Championship game on August 19th. We've been selling more food than we ever have this year, making this a good fundraiser for us. Special thanks to Aaron, Pam, and Marshall for working hard to make the June fundraisers possible. If you want to help out in July contact us to find out how. It is quite a scene!

Summer road construction is slow to ramp up in East Lawrence, but it is coming! Ninth Street is still waiting on bids and does not yet have a start date, but it is still slated to be rebuilt this Summer. Watch for construction to run into the Fall. Be ready for all kinds of traffic chaos, as Ninth St. is well used. Details of the project can be found elsewhere in this newsletter, but there will probably closures along each block as each gets rebuilt. Fortunately, because of our desirable grid system of streets in East Lawrence we should have an easy to use alternate route.

Finally, the unused money from the Art Place Grant is still active, and ELNA has worked with the Arts Center to devise a plan to use that money for a grass roots arts project within our neighborhood boundaries. Despite Lawrence being an Arts Town, the grant limits the money to be spent only within our neighborhood rather than throughout the Town. We will be taking action on whether or not to move forward with a plan at our July Meeting, including adopting a budget, timeline, and a process for hiring an Administrator and Administrative Assistant.

Have a Good Summer, folks!

Summer ELNA Meetings at Delaware St Commons

ELNA monthly meetings will be held at the Delaware St Commons Common House through the summer months June, July, and August 2018. The Common House is located in the center of the Delaware Street Commons, address 1222 Delaware Street. Parking is located in the lot east of the Common House, with an entrance off 13th St.

The Common House features a large open room with bathroom facilities and air conditioning(!) available. Learn more about the Delaware Street Commons intentional community on their website: <http://www.delaware-street.com/>.

FYI the July meeting will be delayed one week due to the holiday, meeting instead on Monday July 9th.

The agenda, as it is known, can always be viewed on our website at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gB0AhiF0GfBBCEDo_1bORk-EvjSc5yglIDMyeWAnl-w/edit?usp=sharing.



Wishing Bench, Re-Dressed

The Wishing Bench got new shoes and changed it's clothes!

Thanks to all who donated to the campaign, and to Eric Jay and his associates at Struct/ ReStruct for doing the work. AND thanks to neighbor and Board Member Catherine Reed, for not only letting us all know about the need for rehabilitating the bench, but for re-dressing our old friend in it's new set up.



ELNA Merch for Sale

Tshirts! Hoodies! Stickers! Coozies!

ELNA's got tshirts, hoodies, stickers AND coozies for sale. Tshirt sizes range from 2xl to small, ladies cuts and unisex, in colors black, grey, heathered blue, and a few random others. We've got baby onesies and hoodies too! Tshirts are \$12 or \$15 depending on cut, hoodies are \$25, coozies are \$3, and stickers are \$1. Email eastlawrence@yahoo.com with questions, or leave a note for KT, keeper of the tees, at 732 Rhode Island. ELNA tshirts make great gifts and they're so stylish too!

It has been a real honor serving as your state representative for the last 4 years. If re-elected I will continue to fight for:

- Well-funded public schools
- A fairer tax system
- Medicaid expansion
- A clean energy future
- Common sense gun safety laws
- Women's reproductive rights
- Equal rights for all



I would appreciate your support in the Democratic primary on August 7

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River Clean Up Thanks



From Friends of the Kaw -- Kansas Riverkeeper, our collaborator, and Mike Myers our ever-vigilant River Cleaner-up-er, thanks to all those who helped clean up the riverfront this spring.

“What a great day cleaning up the banks of the Kansas River and the riparian zone in the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association! Thanks to all of the volunteers today for coming out in the rain, working hard and getting some serious trash picked up and RECYCLED! We loaded an entire dumpster with about 400 lbs of trash and about 10 big bags of recycling that included PLASTIC, ALUMINUM, CARDBOARD, and GLASS...as well as some metal. Whew.....it was a busy and productive morning.....thanks for giving

your time to the earth and the Kansas River!

Thank you to all of The University of Kansas Students and Bishop Seabury Academy Students that came today to help with the cleanup!

Special thank you to the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association for all of the work that they do ALL YEAR LONG to keep this area clean....and for partnering with us for this Earth Day Community Service Project!

This Cleanup was funded by a grant from the Douglas County Natural and Cultural Heritage Grant Program!”

East Ninth Street Construction

FYI neighbors, the City has a timeline available for the rebuilding of East 9th St. The project will be completed in four construction phases:

- Phase 1: The project is slated to begin as early as July with the reconstruction of the 9th & Connecticut intersection.
- Phase 2: Reconstruction from New Hampshire to Connecticut. Work will not begin prior to the Boys & Girls Club fundraiser event at 888 New Hampshire on August 25th.
- Phase 3: Reconstruction from Connecticut to Pennsylvania Street, except the intersection of 9th & New York.
- Phase 4: Reconstruction of 9th & New York intersection.

During construction, the contractor will provide access to adjacent properties with access adjacent to 9th Street. The project completion date to open to unrestricted vehicular and pedestrian traffic is November 30, 2018.

Staff recently met again with St. Luke AME Church at 9th & New York. The Church is continuing to research plans and funding to improve ADA accessibility at the northwest entrance to the building. The current design plan allows the church an opportunity to reconfigure the access and tie into the public sidewalk when they proceed with their project. If the Church provides a plan and schedule to modify the entrance by July, adjustments can be made in the city project to connect to the building improvements.

Back to School News

School starts for USD 497 students mid-August! Classes begin for grades 1-5 as a regular early dismissal day on Wednesday August 15th. At New York Elementary, that means school begins at 8:00 am and ends at 1:35.

Sixth and 9th grade students will also attend on Wednesday the 15th, but only in the morning, dismissing at 11:15 am. Kindergarten classes will alternate on Thursday August 16th and Friday August 17th. All grades but Kindergarten will attend a regular schedule on Thursday August 16th and Friday August 17th. Then business as usual begins for all grades Pre-K through 12th on Monday August 20th.

With questions, you can contact the office of each school: New York Elementary 785-832-5780, and Liberty Memorial Central Middle School 785-832-5400. Or, with more general questions, you may call the District Welcome Center 785-330-1921. New York and Central both have active Facebook pages, with school specific supplies lists and other useful information, that are sure to be updated as the first days of school approach.

Castle Tea Room Seeking Board Members

The Libuse Kriz-Fiorito Historical Foundation, aka "The Castle" (Tea Room) is looking for 4-5 new board members. Particularly, the foundation is looking for members who are interested in local history and preservation of our cultural heritage. Prior board experience is not necessary, some free time for hands-on participation would be appreciated, but is not mandatory. Hands-on help includes tasks such as helping revamp our website, answer voicemail and email communications, setup/cleanup after events, participate in think tanks/ad hoc committees, give tours of the property and work with the development committee to help revise our grant awarding policies.

LKFHF meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:30am. With interest and questions, email Brenna Buchanan Young at castleks@gmail.com or contact by cell phone at 858-692-3777. Please do not call the local number listed for The Castle as voicemail is only checked bi-weekly.

Friends of Oak Hill Cemetery Update

Shannon Hodges and Coyla Lockhart have been working on forming this Friends group for about a year, spurred by an apparent need for attention and repair of cemetery monuments. Just recently, Friends of Oak Hill Cemetery partnered with Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area's Jim Ogle. Freedom's Frontier, as an organization, partners with a lot of cemetery groups and other historical affiliations, like Grover's Barn for example, until the funds are in place for forming individual nonprofit groups.

We now have enough funds to start the process of forming our own 501(c)(3) nonprofit group! A meeting with an attorney is pending.

Friends of Oak Hill Cemetery will hold monthly meetings for all interested in volunteering to help Oak Hill Cemetery, at the Lawrence Public Library, on the second Wednesday of each month.

July 11, 8:00pm, small meeting room, August 8, 7:00pm, September 12, 7:00pm

The objective of these monthly meetings is to start advocating for work that needs to be done at the cemetery. We are committed to surveying Section 1 and working on its restoration. We also have had cleanup days to help the cemetery staff.

Our areas of concern are:

- Monument cleaning and resetting
- Buildings and mausoleums
- Lawn care and maintenance practices
- Protocols for selling of lots
- Adequate funding and perpetual care funding
- Roads and infrastructure like water system
- Education and event planning

Lynn Braddock Zollner, HRC, and Derek Rogers, the new Parks and Rec director, have been extremely helpful and easy to work with on all aspects of the cemetery. We really want to advocate for the cemetery with the city commissioners. It comes down to funding.

The fun part will be the events. It would really be nice to get people out to the cemetery. Our most pressing concern right now is building our membership. We need a lot of committees to help distribute the workload. Please attend a meeting and volunteer!

~ Coyla Lockhart, friendsofoakhillcemetery@gmail.com

Pie Auction and Other News – Sunrise Project

Sunrise Project invites the community to our 4th Annual Pie Auction on Aug. 25, 5-8pm. We'll have a potluck meal, beer and other cold beverages, slices of pie, live music and of course a pie auction! Come out and support Sunrise, have a great time and enjoy a fun annual tradition! And by popular demand: This event will take place at Hobbs Park!! Interested in donating a pie for the auction or for selling by the slice? Contact Emily: info@sunriseprojectks.org

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every Thursday - \$1 donuts!

And M-F happy hour, 2-5 p.m. \$2 12 oz cold brew, iced tea and Italian sodas!!

All proceeds benefit Sunrise Project!

Sunrise Project free food sites offer fresh, healthy food for all! Visit Lawrence Community Orchard at 830 Garfield and explore this beautiful free food park, open dawn to dusk. Sunrise Community Garden, located at 1501 Learnard, is a free food garden where all are welcome to explore and harvest fruits, vegetables and herbs.

Home Tour Save the Date

Please save the date for the ELNA fall home tour on Saturday October 13th from 10am-4pm. Eight East Lawrence homes will be showcased and guests can come and go at their own leisurely pace. Tickets are \$20.00 and will be sold at a few neighborhood businesses. Volunteers are needed for 2-4 hour slots and anyone interested can contact Eric Jay (eric@structrestruct.com) or Mike Anderson, andersonforlawrence@gmail.com, for more details. Other details will be posted on the ELNA website in the following

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Van Go, Inc. Job Openings

Van Go, Inc. (www.van-go.org) is a small non-profit in Lawrence that serves Douglas County youth who face a "barrier" to successful employment. We are currently hiring ten 18-24 year olds for the fall session of The Arts Train (TAT), an arts-based part time employment and job-training program. The positions are 20 hours/week at \$8/hr. The young adults in our programs will develop job skills as well as healthy living skills in the context of a supportive work environment based on the arts: painting, metal work, glass work, wood working, etc. No experience necessary! We also help place participants in off-site internships for different individualized work experience. Due to our grant funding, we do have some eligibility criteria for applicants: (1) Applicants must be residents of Douglas County; (2) be 18-24 years old; and (3) must NOT currently be enrolled in post-secondary schooling. Other qualifying factors apply, so we encourage interested individuals to call or stop by for more information! Ask for Jeff or Kristen. Van Go is located at 715 New Jersey Street, Lawrence. 785-842-3797

Security Tips from District Attorney Charles Branson

Vacation Season is Here:

June is here and with it, the traditional summer vacation season kicks off. Unfortunately, that long awaited trip may also make your home an attractive target to a criminal. Have you considered what steps you can take to keep your home and property safe? I want provide you tips on how to reduce your chances of becoming a crime victim while you are away from home.

General Home Security:

Ensure all doors and windows are kept locked at all times.

Consider installing deadbolt locks on all exterior doors.

If open windows are needed for ventilation, install a "stop" in the frame that allows it to be opened no more than four inches. One way to create a "stop" is to drill a hole through the upper frame and place a removable screw into the hole.

Areas around exterior doors should be well lit with motion activated lights. If light installation is a problem, easy to mount solar powered, motion activated lights are available.

Check that door hinges face the inside of the home. If hinges are on the outside, consider installing non-removable pins.

Keep window drapes/blinds closed. A criminal can easily size up a home by looking in uncovered windows.

Do not leave garage door openers in the car. If someone steals the opener, they can easily get into the home.

Consider keeping the door between your garage and your home locked.

Shrubs and trees near doors and windows should be kept trimmed back to prevent sight lines from being blocked. Do not give a criminal a place to hide.

Keep ladders and tools in a secure area and keep storage sheds locked.

Lock the door when leaving, even if the plan is to only be gone for a few minutes.

House numbers should be easy to read from the street. In an urgent situation, law enforcement and other emergency responders need to quickly find the correct address.

Special considerations for vacations:

Have multiple light timers set to turn the lights and a radio on and off.

Consider placing padlocks through the garage door's tracks. The rollers will be blocked and the door cannot be forced up.

Have a close friend or family member pick up mail/newspaper or stop its delivery. Ask them to call law enforcement if they see anything unusual.

Do not advertise vacation plans ahead of time on social media platforms. Post vacation pictures after the fact.

Other items to consider:

Have a monitored security system and post signs in the yard and/or windows as theft deterrents.

If you believe someone is lurking near your home, call 9-1-1. You do not want to wait until it is too late to try to summon help.

If you will be out-of-town, you may want to consider contacting local law enforcement to request a property check. Residents living in the county may contact the Douglas County Sheriff's Office at 785-841-0007. Residents living inside the city limits may contact the Lawrence Police Department at 785-832-7509 (non-emergency line) or online at LPD Property Checks.

I wish you and your family a fun and a safe summer! If you have any questions or concerns for my Consumer Protection Unit, please call 785-330-2849 or email daconsumer@douglascountyks.org. We are always ready to serve all the citizens of Douglas County.

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Remembering the Reverend Sims

Our own personal east side historian, Dave Evans, dug up this Letter to the Editor from Reverend Wesley Sims, Jr., dated November 1st, 1945. In this letter, transcribed below, Rev Sims describes his experience of being removed, along with his wife, from the Granada after refusing to move to a segregated section of the theatre. Oral histories suggest this, segregated seating and removal, was common practice.

Wesley S. Sims, Jr was born in February of 1921 in Parsons, Kansas. His family moved to Lawrence in 1925, and he and his siblings attended Cordley Elementary. Rev. Sims attended KU, then Kentucky State University, before he joined the Army during World War II. Rev. Sims father was also a pastor, here in Lawrence, and an active participant in our east side history. Rev. Sims Sr, neighbor Mark Kaplan remembers, "would give an opening benediction at every ELIA meeting." Rev. Wesley S, Sims Jr, the author of this letter, passed away in Dallas, Texas in 2013, preceded in death by his wife, mentioned in his letter, of 60 some years.

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Letters to the Editor – "A Soldier Comments"

Editor Journal-World:

After spending 3 years in the Army with over a year in combat in Europe, I returned home. While overseas in a

non-democratic civilization, I was treated like a gentleman. When in Rome and the Vatican City, I met the Pope, and played the organ in the Great St. Peter's Cathedral. But when I returned to Lawrence, Kansas, and went to a theater with my wife, and sat in the same seats we sat in before I went into the Army, the manager had the police put us, both members of the Armed Forces, out, because we would not move over to the other side of the balcony. Before I went into the service I was considered good enough to participate in school activities both in high school and the University of Kansas. Even now I have two brothers overseas. Someday they may return home and when they do they will see people who have never left American soil during the war who will look at them and feel it just to segregate them because their skin like mine is of a different color. I was wounded overseas and received the Purple Heart, have not disgraced my uniform and have the Good Conduct Medal, served during the worst of combat and wear the European Campaign Ribbon with three battle stars for three major battles. I only say this to show that we made the same sacrifices as other soldiers made with the thought in mind that we were fighting for equal rights and privileges for all.

Since this incident I often wonder, "Just what was I fighting for?" - Cpl. Wesley S. Sims, Jr.

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- Website/Technical Management
- Baking/Cooking
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