

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

Date	Activity Description	Number of Attendees
November 2009	<p>Meetings: General Meeting on November 12, 2009 at the East Heights School..</p> <p>Communications: The November/December/February newsletter was prepared and mailed to members in late October 2009. It included meeting information for each of these months.</p> <p>Email communication sent on November 10, 2009</p>	10
December 2009	<p>Meetings: BCNA's General Meeting was held on December 10, 2009.</p> <p>Communications: This date was publicized in the newsletter that reached everyone in November 2009.</p> <p>Email communication was sent on December 5, 2009..</p>	11
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Julie Mitchell reported that BCNA is in 100% compliance with the CD Advisory Committee.

The possibility of an impromptu winter Brook Creek Park clean-up was discussed. The spring Brook Creek Park clean-up will be on Saturday, April 17th, with a rain date of Saturday, April 24th.

It was reported that the school board is discussing closing New York School, and all concerned are invited to attend a meeting on January 5th at 6:15 p.m. in the New York School Gym. There was further discussion about the school board and the closing of schools. Any questions about New York School can be addressed to Nicole Allensworth at 785-550-9478.

The Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods (LAN) is having breakfast meetings with elected city and county officials. LAN had a discussion about the city purchasing the Oread Labs to sell or lease. LAN will celebrate their anniversary at 6:00 p.m. on January 29th at the Visitor's Center Depot in North Lawrence.

Election of officers for 2010 was held. The current officers were re-nominated. Dickie Heckler moved that this slate be elected. Robert Taylor seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Officers for 2010 are:

President	Julie Mitchell
Vice-President	Andrea Repinsky

Treasurer Susan Miller
Secretary Douglas Miller

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. for our Holidays Party.

COMMUNICATIONS

Sent on 11/11/09, to BCNA Email list

Our November meeting is tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. at the East Heights school. Below is the agenda for the meeting. Please try to attend. And, please remember that we have just one hour for our meetings, so to cover as much of this as possible, we need to start right on time and stay focused on the agenda items.

For those of you who may not be able to make the meeting, you should know that I have received further information from the District Attorney's office about the new "shake and bake" method of producing meth. If you spot a discarded 2-liter bottle, please be aware that, if it has been used for meth production and the lid is still on the bottle, it can be very explosive. The DA's office has received information of instances in which these bottles have exploded in the maker's hands. If the bottle does not have the cap on it, but contains residue, the contents are both highly toxic and flammable. So, please, those of you with small children - be sure they (and you) understand they are not to touch or pick anything like that up. Note the spot where you have seen it and call the police department to report it and ask that they check it out.

BCNA Meeting Agenda November 12, 2009

1. Treasurer's report.
2. Sidewalk funding tax: could the city use a portion of the 1994 approved Parks and Recreation sales tax? Sidewalks promote health and fitness.
3. Neighborhood boarding houses: could they present problems in neighborhoods?
4. Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods will celebrate their birthday on January 29th at the Santa Fe depot at 7th and New Jersey.
5. Breakfast with the city.
6. What transpires at other neighborhood meetings?
7. Micro-surfacing Brook Creek Park area streets.
8. No parking on 13th Street adjacent to the Burrough's Trail: should BCNA support the city's request to reduce the no parking from 300 feet to 200 feet East and West of the trail on the South side of 13th Street?
9. Community shelter: see plans for the new shelter 11/12/09 (tonight) at 7:30 at the Boys and Girl's Club.
10. "Shake and bake" meth labs.
11. 12th and Haskell Recycle mural.
12. Officer elections in December.
13. December holiday party on the 10th

Sent on 12/05/09 to BCNA Email list

Our next BCNA meeting is set for December 10, 2009. Because this is our Holidays Party, and because we are limited to 1 hour at East Heights, we were lucky enough to find that the East Lawrence Recreation Center had our old meeting room open that night. So, we will have our December meeting in our old room at the ELRC,

starting at 7:00 p.m. That gives us time to conduct our business (mainly election of officers for the upcoming year) and still enjoy each other's company and holiday treats.

This change of venue is **only** for our December meeting.

Please plan to attend and bring some of your favorite treats to share with the other members.

If you have any questions, please contact me, either by return email or at 841-4997.

Sent on 12/9/09 to BCNA Email list

Here is the agenda for the meeting tomorrow night. It looks long, but should move quickly so we can start on our Holidays Party. Remember we are meeting at the East Lawrence Recreation Center this time only. In the meantime, Stay Warm!!

BCNA Meeting Agenda December 10, 2009

1. Treasurer's report.
2. Citizen Tax Dollar Advisory Commission meeting will be announced soon likely to convene at the public library. Substance of the commission will be to:
 - * advise local Government of citizen concerns
 - * offer opinions and fiscally responsible alternatives
 - * perhaps offer support to governing bodies
 - * act as tax dollar watch dog and bark when appropriate
 - * open to suggestions
3. Community Development Advisory Committee update.
4. Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods (LAN) update.
5. Update on neighborhood street conditions.
6. Set date for spring park cleanup: April 17th or 24th? Water will not be turned on until April 15th.
7. Impromptu winter park cleanup/walk through the woods.
8. Officer elections.
9. Matters arising.
10. Holiday party!

Sent on 01/14/10 to BCNA Email List

Habitat for Humanity notified us that the dedication of the Mendoza house, on the north side of 15th Street, between Elmwood and Summit, will be this Saturday, January 16, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. The ceremony will take around 30 minutes, during which Mr. Mendoza and his family will receive the keys to the house.

We discussed this house at BCNA meetings, and what we could do to help, including offering the family cuttings and shrubs for their yard.

Mr. Mendoza is not a stranger to the Brook Creek neighborhood -- he grew up here. He and his family have recently been living at Edgewood. Please come out and join us in welcoming the Mendozas to their new home.

Sent January 29, 2010 to BCNA Email list

What follows are messages from Byron Wiley and then from Julie Mitchell, BCNA president, about the salvage yard at 12th & Haskell. The issues Byron raises, and other complaints that you may have, will be the #1 priority on the agenda for our meeting on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2010, AT 7:00 P.M. AT EAST HEIGHTS SCHOOL. Please email any comments or complaints that you have about this problem either to me at: BrookCreekNA@gmail.com or to Julie Mitchell at juliahenrym@yahoo.com before the meeting. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 841-4997. Hope to see you there.

Byron's message:

Hello,

I have completely had it with this toxic dump situated adjacent to our neighborhood. I arrived home Monday afternoon around 5:10 and noticed smoke engulfing the neighborhood and smelled it as I headed north on Almira. It was not wood burning but something else (I thought a house was on fire at first). There were several fire trucks and police at the salvage yard putting out what turned out to be six crushed vehicles that were engulfed in flames. (See the attached excerpt from the recent fire report) Speaking to my housemate and to some onlookers, the flames from this fire shot up in the air 25 feet or so and it was "spectacular" when it started. Based on what I heard, it likely started around 4:50 in the afternoon (Jan 27th).

My house was filled with a very toxic smelling smoke from this fire. I am very concerned about my health and the health of everyone else living in this area. Another neighbor that I spoke with complained heavily about the fumes that filled her house.

I strongly suspect that flammable liquids were not being properly drained and/or stored. It is this apparent sloppiness that has resulted in the polluting fires that have occurred throughout the years. This particular fire occupied the fire department for almost two hours.

Here is a list of the fires that have happened over the years since they started up their business.

06-28-2004 - explosion and smoke (good way to start off relations with the neighborhood)
 01-25-2006 - large vehicle fire, black plume
 10-27-2006 - saw a fire truck but not a fire.
 01-04-2007 - vehicle fire (Have report)
 04-26-2007 - vehicle fire (Have report)
 01-02-2009 - small trash fire (Have report)
 01-27-2009 - six vehicle fire (Have report)

I wonder how this stacks up with the national average of fires per year per junk yard. I have a feeling that they have an extraordinarily high batting average. This is not normal.

The issue is just about to go public. A neighbor and myself were interviewed by Channel 6. I don't know when this will be publicized. They will also likely publish an article in the newspaper.

This is the time to take advantage of this opportunity to voice your concerns. If we do not make our voices heard, the problem will continue to persist and potential health problems may start taking their toll. We will talk about ways to deal with this at the meeting but for now I would recommend writing a letter to the editor, contacting the City Managers Office, contacting the office of the Planning Commission, etc. These are all very important steps for dealing with this serious issue.

It is inappropriate for a salvage yard to be located next to a neighborhood. Here are the persistent issues:

- 1) Constant noise
- 2) Thunderous house shaking vibrations
- 3) Trash continues to fill the ditches all the time, bags float through the neighborhood,
- 4) The strong gasoline and solvent odors are not safe (our neighborhood air quality has been compromised)
- 5) The area continues to be an eyesore and there is potential risk to ground water since they are in a flood plain.

I have attached a few photos that were taken at some stage of the event so you can see what had happened. It is hard to see what is going on due to the dense toxic smoke. I hope to see you at the upcoming meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at East Heights School.

Sincerely yours,
Byron Wiley
1200 Almira

[Photographs did not copy into Word]

Julie Mitchell's suggestions for action at the meeting include:

Given the number of problems and seriousness of the problems, I wonder about the possibility of the city revoking the grandfathered in salvage yard status and returning the property to residential zoning.

Among the concerns I've noticed: fire, pollution, flood issues, noise, truck traffic, damaged roads, customers blocking 12th street and parking in the no parking zone, purchasing a vehicle without a title or ID of the owner, salvage stacked higher than the fence, and litter (lots of litter in neighboring yards).

Everyone, please let me know if you have noticed any other problems or concerns. We can gather our complaints at the February BCNA meeting and then contact the city about changing the zoning status.

NEWSLETTER
(follows)



BROOK CREEK BREEZE

Dec. 2009 / Feb. 2010 / March 2010

GENERAL MEETING Thursday December 10, 2009 7:00 p.m. East Lawrence Rec. Center	GENERAL MEETING Thursday February 11, 2010 7:00 p.m. East Heights School	GENERAL MEETING Thursday March 11, 2010 7:00 p.m. East Heights School
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NOTICE:

A CHANGE FOR THE DECEMBER 10 MEETING

Our meeting on December 10, which includes our Holidays Party, will be held at the **East Lawrence Recreation Center** instead of at East Heights School. Because we are limited in time at East Heights, and because we have business to conduct, there would be little time left for socializing at the Holidays Party.

So, bring whatever you want - cookies, snacks, etc. - to our meeting on December 10. We will start at 7:00 p.m. with a short business meeting (primary business: elections of officers for 2010. The slate consists of our current officers) and then be able to enjoy good food and conversation with our friends and neighbors. We have to vacate the room by 9:00 p.m. Call Julie Banhart (841-4997) if you have any questions.

PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR, PLEASE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2009:	Meeting for Business and Holidays Party
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2010:	Meeting for Business
THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010:	Meeting for Business

Remember, we do not meet in January. For those of you who will not make it to the December meeting, we wish you the happiest of holidays.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT ATTORNEY BRANSON: The dangers of new method of methamphetamine production

October 29, 2009

Dear Douglas County Citizens:

I am contacting you today regarding the recent discovery of a methamphetamine lab in the wooded area around the Prairie Park Nature Center. I am grateful the Lawrence Police Department and the Lawrence/Douglas County Fire and Medical with the assistance of area agencies did a great job of insuring this mess was safely removed and disposed.

While what was found in Lawrence was more of the traditional items used for the creation of meth, I believe the discovery of these items warrants a discussion on the new and unfortunate reality of what many communities around our country are learning. The days of meth cooks needing large and elaborate facilities to cook their toxic drug are gone. In order to skirt laws that have restricted their access to the necessary ingredients, meth cooks now have a new “shake and bake” method of cooking their drug. This method is so new, not everyone will recognize the warning signs if they would stumble across the remnants. I am particularly concerned about the hazard this new method poses to children. I do not want a naturally curious child to pick up one of these discarded containers.

This new method only requires a two-liter soda bottle, a few handfuls of cold pills and some assorted noxious chemicals. The criminal can carry these things in a backpack and create the drug on the run. After they finish mixing the drug, they will often ditch the bottle, which now contains a very poisonous brown and white residue.

If you or a member of your family stumble across something you believe may be the remnants of a meth lab or a discarded meth bottle, do not touch the items, do not shake them and do not move them. Contact the police department or the sheriff’s office and let them handle removal of the container. They may need to have a hazardous materials team clean up the mess.

If you would like to know about meth, please go to: <http://www.justice.gov/dea/concern/meth.html>. Please note this site has not yet been updated to include information on the “shake and bake” method.

I hope this information is useful to you and your family. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you would like additional information.

Sincerely yours,

Charles E. Branson

In further conversations with District Attorney Branson’s office, we learned that, while the brown and white residue in these bottles is both highly toxic AND flammable, if you discover a discarded 2-liter soda bottle with the residue AND the cap on the bottle, it is also HIGHLY EXPLOSIVE. Reports have been received of the bottles exploding in the meth makers’ hands. As Mr. Branson said in his letter – DO NOT touch the bottle, DO NOT shake the bottle, DO NOT pick the bottle up or move it. Call the police / fire department (832-7509 – same number for both) and give them as accurate a description of the location as you can. Please teach your children not to pick up or touch debris like this without first checking with you.

MINUTES

September 10, 2009

President Julie Mitchell called the Brook Creek Neighborhood Association meeting to order on Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at East Heights Early Childhood Education Center. This was the first meeting at our new place and day. We had 11 members present.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

An update on the dog issue on Miller Drive was given. The person raising dogs for fighting was now on probation and was not to possess or own any dogs. He has since been caught with dogs in his possession and is now in jail, awaiting a hearing.

Reports of suspicious activity in the neighborhood were discussed. Julie Banhart had received an email from a resident who was in Brook Creek Park with her children when two cars pulled into the parking area. The resident saw money and a package change hands. She was concerned about what she should have done and that the park does not turn into a drug dealing area. Other residents reported that a red pickup truck has been seen cruising the neighborhood and that they take metal items from yards. Ideas were discussed on how to deal with these problems. If anyone sees any activity that they think is suspicious, it should be reported to the **Police Department at (785) 832-7509** as soon as possible, or, in the event of an emergency, call **911**.

Julie Mitchell gave an update on the demolished house at 1207 E. 13th St. The owner was to have filled in the crawl space with appropriate fill material and this has not been done. She will write a letter to the City Commission about the property owner not complying.

The Burroughs Creek "Rails to Trails" is beginning construction from 11th St. to 23rd St. The neighborhood associations for Brook Creek and East Lawrence have requested and received no parking on 13th Street, 300 feet east and west of the trail.

The Habitat for Humanity House at 15th and Summit is nearing completion. The question was asked as to what our neighborhood could do to help welcome the residents? A suggestion was made to offer them plant cuttings from our gardens.

New York School is in need of volunteers. If you would like to volunteer at our neighborhood school, call New York School at (785) 832-5780 for information.

The East Heights School staff has been invited to our potluck picnic.

The city is having a compost and wood chip sale and it is free, if you load it yourself.

If you see a street in need of driving lane lines, you can call in a report at (785) 832-3123.

Items tabled until next meeting are: stop or yield signs at 13th and Laura, more speed limit signs in the neighborhood and trucks not using the truck route and driving on our side streets.

Upcoming activities:

- September 17th-Potluck Picnic at Brook Creek Park beginning at 6 PM with food served at 6:30 PM---Rain Date is September 24th
- September 26th-Fall Brook Creek Park Cleanup beginning at 10 AM till 2 PM with lunch served. --Rain Date is October 3rd
- Our next meeting is October 8th.

The meeting was concluded at 7:50 PM.

October 8, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Mitchell at 7:03 p.m. with 8 members present.

The treasurer's report and the minutes were read and approved.

Julie Mitchell reported that 7 people were at the Fall Brook Creek Park Clean-up and that some went way down into the creek to retrieve trash. The volunteers cleaned out the creek between 13th Street and the woods.

The Burrough's Creek Trail has broken ground and is being constructed on the old railroad spur line. Communication has been received from Shoeb Uddin of the City that the project is coming in (approximately 50%) under budget. The City would like to use those funds to expand the trail from 23rd Street to 29th Street, and was seeking letters of support to KDOT (which administers the funds) from neighborhoods and community organizations. The meeting voted to have Julie Mitchell write such a letter expressing BCNA's support of this suggestion. It was reported that ideas for future expansion of the trail include extending it to Mary's Lake, which is near 31st & Haskell, and to the north of 11th Street. It was also suggested that we contact the other neighborhoods that adjoin the trail about the possibility of holding a combined neighborhood trail clean-up in the future.

An update was given on the house at 1207 E. 13th St. The city believes that the foundation was properly filled in. The owner has 90 days from the end of July to inform the city of his plans for the property.

We had an update about the man on Miller Dr. who is prohibited from owning dogs. At his court appearance, his probation was continued.

We were informed that Free State High School will hold an electronic recycling event on October 31st from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Most items are accepted free of cost, but there is a \$5 fee per computer monitor and a \$10 per TV turned in for recycling.

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WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

2111 E. 17th St. - Andrew J. Wilson

932 Anna Tappan Way - Danielle D. Smith

936 Anna Tappan Way - Brian A. Bailey

1417 Prospect Ave. - Logan A. Fayman

1421 Prospect Ave. - Michael J. Smith

1829 Atherton - Patricia Wakolee

1730 Genessee St. - Karen K. Hammond

1810 Almira Ave. - Roxane J. Crow

1510 Craig Court - Alan G. & Susan D. Hack

1809 E. 17th St. - Nicholas L. Studt & Karen M. Vaughn

1535 Cadet Ave. - Benjamin E. Naumann

1510 E. 13th St. - Cara L. Schuster

1622 Cadet Ave. - Scott T. Klopfenstein & Amanda M. Basel

1715 Genessee St. - Todd W., Erin E. L., William H. & Kathy A. Stauffer

900 Ward St. - Aimee Omohundro

1210 E. 19th St. - Kristin Zachrel

1710 Genessee St. - Lawrence N. & Joy I. Ajekwu

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY




NEWS FROM THE LAWRENCE HUMANE SOCIETY



The Lawrence Humane Society shelters and cares for thousands of animals each year. This has been a particularly tough year, with the economic downturn causing increased numbers of family pets to be surrendered to the shelter. At the same time, costs for everything have risen. The Lawrence Humane Society suggests that, when you are considering gifts for your family and friends, you remember that they have new t-shirts, calendars, greeting cards and other items for sale. One hundred percent of your purchase goes to help the shelter animals, so you're really giving two presents in one!

Many of the animals who find their way to the shelter need medical attention, and costs have risen dramatically. In one year, their cost to vaccinate one dog jumped from \$1.65 to \$3.95. To help meet these rising costs, a special fund, "Ease the Pain," has been created. For the person on your list who is hard to buy for, but who is an animal lover, a contribution to this fund in their name would make a thoughtful, and much appreciated, gift.

The Humane Society has some special needs to help make life as good as possible for the animals they shelter while they are waiting for their "forever home."

	<p>Among the other things the shelter needs are blankets, towels, and sheets to use so the animals sheltered there will have something to snuggle up into. Even though the shelter is heated, those concrete floors get cold at night, and they are always hard. No pillows, clothing, foam or carpeting, please. You can drop your donations at the shelter or place them in the red box in Petco's parking lot at 3115 Iowa Street.</p>
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And on an upbeat note, the shelter reports: "We are making this holiday season a special one to help find more shelter animals a ***"Home for the Holidays."*** All adoptions Nov. 16 through Dec. 11, will be eligible for a scheduled home delivery. Animals delivered during "Home for the Holidays" will be accompanied by Lawrence Humane Society "elves" toting animal gift baskets, and all dogs and cats will be groomed on the day of their delivery!

It is important to remember that giving a pet as a present can be very stressful on an animal, and the Lawrence Humane Society strongly discourages giving any animal as a gift. By taking advantage of the "Home for the Holidays" event, we hope to make this season a joyous occasion for families and shelter animals so both will have time to become fully acquainted before all the relatives arrive, before it's time for the big dinner, and before the kids are excitedly playing with their Christmas toys. Please remember holiday excitement can be frightening and confusing for any new pet who hasn't had a chance to "feel at home."

Regular [adoption fees](#) apply during "Home for the Holidays," and all adoptions must be for your home only. The animal delivery and gift basket are free of charge, but [donations](#) are always welcome.

"Home for the Holidays" is a chance for you and your new friend to enjoy your first holiday together. So please join us in this unique experience by adopting now and making a special holiday wish come true for a homeless pet."



Happy Holidays to All!

*Whether you're celebrating Christmas,
Kwanza, Hanukah, or New Year's*

*We hope you have a wonderful, joyful, and
safe holiday season.*

*May the New Year bring nothing but the best
for our neighborhood and for each of us.*



Brook Creek Neighborhood Association
1944 Miller Drive
Lawrence, KS 66046

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Join Your Neighborhood Association

Dues are \$1.00 per person, per year. This gives you voting rights at BCNA meetings. Clip, fill out, and mail to: Susan Miller, Treasurer; 1235 Prairie; Lawrence, KS 66044

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail Address _____

- I am enclosing my \$1.00 annual dues
 - I am enclosing _____ extra to help the neighborhood association.
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GOOD NEIGHBORING

Julie Mitchell was a good neighbor in early November. She “had an abandoned truck from the hippy-wanna-be (true hippies would never create so much trash) house on Brook Street towed. The residents, including the people living in the yard, moved out and left a pickup with shell, no tags and full of stuff on the street. They might not consider it a good deed, but I'm sure the folks who live in the lovely cottage house across the street would.”

It was reported that Marge Wiseman gave Dave Workman a copy of the photo of him & his daughter that was in the J-W newspaper several weeks ago.

Finally, thanks to multiple good neighbors, who did not want to be identified. They got together after the huge snow storm, borrowed a snow blower and, unasked and unannounced, cleared driveways in the neighborhood and used a shovel to clear paths from cars to the homes. They then went back the next day to remove the new snow barriers that the City's snowplows had thrown over those driveways. Many people were surprised when they stepped out of their doors to see the cleared driveways and paths. This was reported by residents on one street, but similar occurrences went on at other locations in the neighborhood.