

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

Date	Activity Description	Number of Attendees
August 2010	<p>Meetings: BCNA has No meetings in August..</p> <p>Communications: The September/October/November 2010 newsletter was prepared and mailed to members in late August 2010. It included meeting information for each of these months.</p>	N/A
September 2010	<p>Meetings: September 8, 2010: Annual Pot-Luck Picnic in the Park.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">September 15, 2010. General Meeting.</p> <p>Communications: The dates were publicized in the newsletter for September – November 2010</p> <p>Email communications were sent on Sept. 4 and 14, 2010</p>	<p>29+</p> <p>7 members 1 guest</p>
October 2010	<p>Meetings: BCNA's General Meeting was held on October 12, 2010.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Fall Park Clean-up was held on October 16.</p> <p>Communications: The dates were publicized in the September – November 2010 newsletter.</p> <p>Email communications were sent on October 7, 2010</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8</p>

MINUTES

September 15, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Doug Miller at 7:05 P.M. at the East Lawrence Recreation Center. Seven members and one guest were present. The Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

The pot-luck on September 6 was attended by 25-30 people plus several nearby neighborhood children. It was agreed that it was a very successful event. It was suggested that Coke and fresh tea should be added to the drink choices.

An update on the situation with the 12th and Haskell Bargain Center was given. The owner has 30-45 days to have a proposal for planning and flooding. It was reported that some of the employees of the Bargain Center were seen in the neighborhood picking up trash.

It was reported that during the reconstruction of 13th Street from the Rails to Trails path to Haskell, some old curbstones were found.

The Pelathe Center is being cleaned-up and is now open for business.

Michael Almon gave a presentation about Peak Oil and the transition to an alternative life style without using petroleum as a fuel.

An interest was expressed to have a Lawrence Police Neighborhood Resource Officer attend a future meeting.

Gary Tucker of the Drum Creek Cattle Company in Independence, KS was a visitor at the meeting and spoke of his attempts to market his grass-fed beef at the local farmers markets.

A new BCNA member, Roy Wimmer, a local Kansas inventor, is working on plans for an electric car that he hopes to build with assistance from the public.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

The next meeting is at 7 P.M. on Tuesday October 12, 2010 at the East Lawrence Recreation Center.

October 12, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Mitchell at 7:00 p.m. The Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

An update was given about the Bargain Center at 12th & Haskell. The City had sent a letter to the owner, who has 45 days to comply. That time frame will have elapsed around the middle of November. To those who have been watching the center, it does not look like anything has changed.

A request for demolition permits for 1313 Haskell was reported. The permits were not for the house itself, but for some outbuildings. Reports were also heard that there is a group forming that may have the money to buy and rehabilitate the property.

Doug Miller, BCNA Secretary informed us that we will have to find a new secretary for the coming year. His work schedule now conflicts with our meeting times.

A reminder was given about the fall park clean-up scheduled for October 16. from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Susan Miller informed us that there will be an electronics recycling event on October 23, from 9:00-1:00, at Free State High School.

Tenants to Homeowners will have an open house for the house on Laura Street, with the date to be determined. Andrea Repinsky reminded us that they still need to fix the alley there.

Andrea also said that, if anyone needs it, she has information about how to safely strip lead paint from walls. She is engaged in currently doing that process.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

Regular messages to email list with reminders of upcoming meetings. Sent:

- 9/4/10 Notice of the September 8 Picnic in the Park, and September 15th General Meeting.
 - 9/13/10 Notice of the Douglas County Emergency Preparedness Fair
 - 9/14/10 Notice of the General Meeting on September 15.
 - 10/3/10 Notice of the Nash Dash & Bash on October 9.
 - 10-3-10 Communication from Douglas County District Attorney's Office about Internet social networking safety.
 - 10/7/10 Reminder of the 10/12 meeting, the park clean-up on 10/16, and the Burroughs Creek Trail and Linear Park Dedication on October 16.
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NEWSLETTER
(follows)



BROOK CREEK BREEZE

September, October, November 2010

<p>September Picnic in the Park Wednesday September 8, 2010 6:30 p.m. Brook Creek Park</p>	<p>September General Meeting Wednesday Sept. 15, 2010 7:00 p.m. East Lawrence Rec. Center</p>	<p>October General Meeting Tuesday October 12, 2010 7:00 p.m. East Lawrence Rec. Center</p>	<p>November General Meeting Wednesday Nov. 10, 2010 7:00 p.m. East Lawrence Rec. Center</p>
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CHANGES AGAIN

This issue covers our meetings in September, October, and November, including our annual Picnic in the Park. There have been changes made again to the meeting days and place. **We will no longer be meeting at the East Heights gym.** The Early Childhood Education Center has been relocated to Kennedy School. We will once again be meeting at the **East Lawrence Recreation Center**

Our meeting night has changed. No more Thursday meetings. Both meetings in September and the one in November will be on Wednesday nights. Our meeting in October will be on a Tuesday night. Please mark your calendars for our meetings for the 3 months of this newsletter. The meetings all start at 7:00 p.m. and the Picnic in the Park starts at 6:30 p.m.

	WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2010:	Picnic in the Park	6:30 p.m.
**	WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020:	Meeting for Business	7:00 p.m.
	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2010:	Meeting for Business	7:00 p.m.
	Saturday, October 16, 2010	Fall Clean-Up	10:00 a.m.
	Saturday, October 16, 2010	Rain date Fall Clean-Up	10:00 a.m.
	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2010	Meeting for Business	7:00 p.m.

- ** We have a guest speaker for this meeting, who will discuss something that should be of interest to all of us. BCNA member Michael Almon works with Transition Kaw Valley, part of the Sustainability Action Network. He's going to talk about how our community can respond to climate changes, oil and peak oil, by building energy resilience into our community.

UPDATE ON OUR PROBLEMS WITH THE SALVAGE YARD

Bo Killough, owner of the 12th and Haskell Recycle Center, and Scott McCullough, City of Lawrence Director of Planning and Development Services, requested a meeting with Brook Creek neighbors to discuss concerns about the 12th and Haskell Recycle Center. Brook Creek residents Byron Wiley,

Andrea Repinsky, Michael Almon and Julie Mitchell met with Mr. Killough, his lawyer, Brad Finkeldei, Scott McCullough and Lawrence City Planner Amy Brown on August 11th.

During the meeting, neighbors stated their concerns with the Center, which include violation of the non-conforming use, noise, pollution and traffic. Mr. McCullough confirmed that the business is in violation of its 2003 non-conforming use, but he said that he hoped neighbors and Mr. Killough could find a mutually beneficial solution. Mr. McCullough also confirmed that floodplain issues, including storage in the floodway, must be addressed regardless of the outcome of the non-conforming use. Mr. Killough said that he plans to continue operating the business as-is with some minor changes and cleanup. He said that he plans to submit a proposal for the use of the property to the City within about 30 days.

The use of this property as a recycling center/salvage yard is unacceptable to its neighbors. The 2003 non-conforming use granted by the City allows for retail use of the building with limited outdoor palletized storage. It does not allow for a recycling center or salvage yard. No matter how often the materials are shipped out of the property or the size of recycling center, an operation of this nature will involve noise, pollution and traffic nuisances. During the meeting, neighbors agreed that this type of business is an asset to a community. Recycling everything from Coke cans to mobile homes is a good thing. The problem is the location. This type of business does not belong in a neighborhood and certainly should not be allowed to operate without the City's required site plan.

Minutes

April 8, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Mitchell at 7 PM in the East Heights Early Childhood Development Gym, 1430 Haskell Avenue, with 14 members present.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

No new information about the status of the 12th & Haskell Recycle Center at 1146 Haskell Avenue.

President Julie Mitchell sent an email to Rebecca Buford, the Executive Director of Tenants to Homeowners, with questions of the development of the 3 lots on Laura Avenue. Ms. Buford sent a reply. A discussion ensued about the drainage issues on Laura Avenue. It was stated that as the 3 lots on Laura Avenue are developed, the water runoff will increase for the surrounding neighbors. It was further stated that since water runoff is already a problem for the neighbors, development will only exacerbate it. President Julie Mitchell said that she will contact Tenants to Homeowners and find out their next meeting date and time so that Brook Creek NA members can attend.

President Julie Mitchell provided information about the Douglas County Health Department's Emergency Preparedness program. The Dg. Co. Health Dept. is currently attempting to identify people in neighborhoods that would need help in a disaster emergency. They are also identifying people in neighborhoods that could help assist in a disaster emergency.

The Spring Clean Up at Brook Creek Park is next Saturday, April 17th from 10 AM to 3 PM with lunch being provided. The inclement weather date is Saturday April 24th.

The Community Development Advisory Committee had the public comment meeting on April 8th. At this time, nothing has changed for Brook Creek's budget.

Our LAN (Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods) representative Dickie Heckler gave a report. Mr. Heckler said that LAN is in the process of reorganizing and will be more outspoken on future issues.

In other matters, a request was made for more benches and picnic tables at Edgewood Park.

It was noted in the Lawrence Journal World, that the 12th and Haskell Recycle Center had a floodplain application for a grading permit in response to Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) issues. It was mentioned that the 12th and Haskell Recycle Center is removing contaminated soil and replacing it with clean dirt, which resulted in the floodplain application.

On March 28th, the Lawrence City Commission set a public hearing date of May 18th for review of the condition of the dilapidated house at 1313 Haskell and the order for the removal or repair of the structure. It was mentioned that this is not the only house/structure in our neighborhood in need of repair or removal.

President Julie Mitchell will ask the Lawrence Code Enforcement Officer and the Neighborhood Resource Officer to attend a future meeting.

After our June 10th meeting, Brook Creek N. A. may be in search of a new meeting place. Next year, East Heights Early Childhood Development is moving to Kennedy School and the Boys and Girls club has expressed an interest in the building.

A question was posted in the Lawrence Journal World about using left over funds from the construction of the Burroughs Creek Hiking & Biking Trail to pave the hiking and biking trail south on Haskell, since the Burroughs Creek hiking and biking trail came in under budget. The answer was no, since paving the Hiking & Biking Trail south on Haskell was not in the original bid. It was also reported in the Lawrence Journal World, that there are pedestrian crossing signals at 11th street for the Burroughs Creek Trail.

Dorothy Roper, a long time East Lawrence resident and Brook Creek Neighborhood member, was in an article in the Lawrence Journal World talking about the 1910 Daisy Dozer, a roller coaster in the Woodlands Amusement Park which was north of 12th and Prospect.

The Lawrence Electronics Recycling Event will be on May 15th, from 9 AM to 1 PM at Free State High School. Computer Monitors will be recycled for \$10, TV's will be recycled for \$15 and all other electronics will be recycled for free.

The next meeting is on May 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Heights Early Childhood Development gym, 1430 Haskell Avenue

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

May 13, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Mitchell at 7:10 PM in the East Heights Early Childhood Development gym, 1430 Haskell Avenue, with 9 members present.

The July meeting will take place at the gazebo in Brook Creek Park at 7:00 on July 8th.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Andrea Repinsky, Vice-President, reported that the City of Lawrence finished their investigation of the code/zoning issues with the 12th and Haskell Recycle Center. The company owner has been ordered to cut back the activities to what they were in 2003 by the end of May or face fines and/or jail time. The original non-conforming use allows resale/retail and limited outdoor palletized storage, not the salvage yard. Violations include tracking mud into the roadway and storing materials in a

floodway. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) required that some contaminated soil be removed and replaced with clean soil. Due to the non-continuous use of the property, the city could choose to cancel the non-conforming use and revert the property back to residential use. The Planning Director has the authority to enforce the code.

The new driveway at the Tenant's to Homeowners house at 1230 Laura is causing storm water drainage issues for the properties to the east. The driveway has dammed the ditch and re-directs water across the alley onto the properties to the east, including inside a garage. A drain is needed to accommodate the storm water runoff from the development of this property.

The Community Development Advisory Committee and Community Commission on Homelessness have a retreat scheduled for early June.

Kaw River Keepers gave a presentation to the Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods (LAN). The architect for the proposed library project also gave a presentation. The library would like to expand on the existing site and would appreciate letters of support. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) reimbursement for LAN dues was not discussed at the recent LAN meeting. A request was made for LAN to post current information, including meeting date/time/location and minutes on their website.

The Lawrence Electronics Recycling Event will be on May 15th, from 9 AM to 1 PM at Free State High School. Computer Monitors will be recycled for \$10, TV's will be recycled for \$15 and all other electronics will be recycled for free.

Call 832-3456 to report potholes.

There is a large rut along the south side of 13th Street just east of Haskell. It appears that someone keeps driving through it to make it larger.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

July 8, 2010

Because July 8 was a rainy evening, the Brook Creek Park gazebo was not an ideal site for the meeting. It was held, instead, at the home of President Julie Mitchell, across the street from the park.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., with 10 members present. The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

An update was presented about matters with the 12th and Haskell Recycle Center. Their name has officially been changed from the Bargain Center to the 12th and Haskell Recycle Center. The City has issued a Notice of Violations to the Center that they must go back to the 2003 level of business. BCNA has filed an appeal of the Notice of Violations because it did not include all the violations. However, an attorney we consulted suggested that the current Notice was okay for the moment. We have requested that the City report all decisions to us. This leaves our options open to appeal if the Center violates any terms of the Notice of Violations.

In a further discussion of matters related to the 12th and Haskell Recycle Center, Michael Almon explained that there are 3 levels of recycling: (1) a drop off center; (2) a major collection center – industrial in nature, with big trucks bringing in material to be processed; and (3) a processing center, where material is processed and hauled off – like Lonnie's. Numbers 2 and 3 are not

acceptable to the Brook Creek residents. We don't know what activities will ultimately be stopped. But, we want it all stopped.

It was also reported that there was another fire at the 12th and Haskell Recycle Center the past week. The fire department was called when heavy smoke was sighted and smelled. By the time the fire department arrived, the smoke was gone, but the odor of burned rubber remained. It was suggested that a car in the back lot had caught fire or had caused the tires to catch fire.

The consensus of the meeting was that, for the present, BCNA will wait and see what happens with the City's actions.

Discussion ensued about the previously reported drainage problem at the Tenants to Homeowners construction sites on Laura. Tenants to Homeowners has been notified about the problem, and we will keep a watch on the property to see if it is corrected.

Another drainage problem was discussed. This problem is with the creek at Brook Street. Michael Almon reported that there is a sinkhole caused by the tubes under the street. One of the drainage tubes is rotten. The suggestion was made that the City should cul de sac them and let the creek run free.

Michael is working with a group that is studying ways to reduce our dependence on oil. He pointed out that peak oil – easy to get at oil in the ground – is now almost all gone. What's left is the difficult oil – like that causing the disaster in the Gulf. Michael has agreed to be the guest speaker at our September meeting to share the information they are working on.

Julie Banhart reported that, because the East Heights Childhood Education Center has been relocated to Kennedy School, and the Boys and Girls Club is occupying the East Heights building, we have to move our meeting place again. The regular day for our meetings also will change. We will be back at the East Lawrence Recreation Center for meetings, but we will (with one exception) meet on the second Wednesdays of the month instead of Thursdays. Because of a scheduling conflict, our October meeting will be on the second Tuesday of the month. Our annual Picnic in the Park is scheduled for Wednesday, September 8 in Brook Creek Park (rain site is the East Lawrence Rec. Center). Our Meeting for Business will be held on Wednesday, September 15, at the East Lawrence Recreation Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST

BCNA keeps an email list of members and uses it to give you advance reminders of our meetings, as well as updates about issues in front of the neighborhood, notifications from other organizations in the city, and occasional requests for assistance from neighbors.

Currently, our list is comprised of a small percentage of our residents. If you are not currently receiving email messages from us and would like to be included, please send an email request to: BrookcreekNA@gmail.com. In the subject line, please say "Add me to BCNA email list" (which will keep your message from being placed in the spam folder by our Internet/email security program).

If you've been on the list but have changed your email address, please use the same procedure to notify us of that (and give us your new email address). Because we can only do three newsletters per year, this is the fastest way to get information to you.

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Herbert L. & Marilyn J. Spencer
421 E. 18th St.

Joel Koczor
1302 E. 19th St.

Christopher & Elyse McKinnon
924 Anna Tappan Way

Carmen M. Hastert
1609 Irving Court

Sean C. Everhart
919 Anna Tappan Way

Clifford & Cathy Tisdale
1608 Harper St

Brent W. Fry
935 Anna Tappan Way

Raymond E. & Carolyn J. Perdue
1629 Haskell Ave.

Rubn L. Maldonado
1712 Brook St.

Willie A. Cisneros
1735 Genessee St.

Avery D. Lominska
1432 Brook St.

Daniel J. Schillinger
1328 Prairie Ave.

Katherine E. Turner
1808 Atherton Court

Bobbie L. Riling
927 Anna Tappan Way

James D. Sparkes
1341 Prairie Ave.

Patricia L. Adams
1805 Almira Ave.

Chris L. Figures & Thomas V. Kolpakas
1502 Harper St.

Tyler N. Thole
1010 E. 19th St.

Adam & Ashley Trunnell
1230 Laura

Aaron L. Parker
1401 Maple Lane

Sandi Swisher
1421 Prospect Ave.

Aaron D. Swenson
1630 Cadet Ave.

Joseph L. & Amber M. Walden
939 Anna Tappan Way

Broc A. Skaggs & Charity R. Troncin
931 Anna Tappan Way

Landan Ashton
1510 Oak Hill Ave.

Stanley W. & Jennifer D. Gimlin
2103 E. 17th St.

David P. Wroten
1535 Hanscom Road

Richard P. Hicks
1320 E. 18th Terrace

Thomas L. & Mary L. Lambing & Heather D.
Bieker
911 Anna Tappan Way

Marcus A. Ledesma
1611 Harper St.

Robert M. Gregory & Ashlee G. Roll-Gregory
923 Anna Tappan Way

Shonna Warrington
1701 Atherton Court

Gregg Davidson
1507 Hanscom Road

Jeremy L. Long
1801 Maple Lane



*Come to our annual
Pot-Luck Picnic
in the Park*

*Wednesday, September 8,
2009*

Brook Creek Park Gazebo

Come anytime after 6:00 p.m.

Food will be out & ready to eat by 6:30 p.m.

**BCNA will provide: Fried Chicken & soft
Drinks**

**You bring: Side Dishes or desserts
Table service for yourself
& your family**

**We'll all get to try new things by sharing the
side dishes and desserts.**

**Come see old friends, meet new neighbors,
and enjoy good food and good company.**

**In case of rain or overwhelming heat, we'll meet
at the East Lawrence Rec. Center:**

**If you are unsure about where we'll be, call Julie
Banhart (841-4997) on Sept. 8, before 5:30 p.m.**



**Join Us
for
Brook Creek's Fall Park
Clean-Up**

Saturday, October 16, 2010

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Come help us clean up the creek and the nature trails. Fall is a good time to clean out the creek before winter storms add more debris (makes our spring clean-up easier).

If you like to use the nature trails, come help us clean up debris and trash from the trails and the woods so they can be comfortably used, even in the late fall and winter.

We have a good time each fall during the clean-up, so come join us. We'll get started about 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided. Everyone's help is appreciated, whether you can stay and help for a long time or a short one.

Rain/cold date:

Saturday, October 23, 2010



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.

GOOD NEIGHBORING

As always, there are multiple acts of instances of good neighboring in the Brook Creek neighborhood. Unfortunately, this quarter' good-neighboring acts have gone unreported.