

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

Neighborhood \_\_\_\_\_ Brook Creek

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Each Neighborhood is required to have at least quarterly meetings. (minutes must be attached.)

Meeting Date #1 3/1/17

Minutes Attached? Y

Meeting Date #2 4/5/17

Minutes Attached? Y

Meeting Date #3 5/3/17

Minutes Attached? N (will send when complete)

How was the neighborhood notified of the meeting(s)? (check all that apply)

email X  
newsletter X  
other announcement? (please specify) facebook

Officer elections this quarter? (if so, attach list of new officers)

No

Each Neighborhood is encouraged to produce regular newsletters.

Date of Newsletter May 2017

Copy Attached? yes  
(required)

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)

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

**Brook Creek Neighborhood Association**  
**Meeting Minutes, 1 February 2017**  
(by Michael Almon, Secretary)

**Present:** Melissa Fahrenbruch (President), Byron Wiley (Vice President), Michael Almon (Secretary), Ron Bishop, Andrea Repinsky, Emily Winters (Coordinator), six other Association members, and three members of the public.

**Agenda:** Melissa distributed an agenda. We approved the agenda as written.

**Introductions:** Melissa asked everyone in the room to introduce themselves.

**Minutes of prior meeting:** There had been no January member meeting, so there were no minutes to approve.

**Treasurer's report:** Jenna was absent, so Melissa presented the report covering 1-31 January 2017: \$63 in petty cash; \$1999.58 in checking account. \$2062.58 total revenues.

Action taken: Moved by Ron and seconded by Tom Bogardus to approve the report.  
Passed unanimously.

**Guest speaker:**

Eric Jay of Struct/Restruct canceled at the last minute because something came up. So Katy Clagett gave a presentation about Intersection Repair. This is a local version of [City Repair](#) that started in Portland OR, with the purpose of “creative reclamation of public space to foster the interconnection of human communities and the natural world”. Katy explained that she and her partner, Alicia Kelly, had organized dozens of people in 2016 to paint the intersection at New Jersey and 10th St. Unfortunately the pavement paint did not adhere very well, and the paint company refunded their purchase price because of the incompatibility. They want to do more intersection reclaiming, but want to experiment with the two 14th St. cul-de-sacs on both sides of the Burroughs Creek Trail, because of low traffic and visibility from the trail. Katy asked if we would endorse the project. We don't need to fund it, but they would want us to participate with the painting, and publicize it with door flyers and in our newsletter. After getting approval from the Parks Advisory Board and the City Commission, the painting could take place in April.

Action taken: we agreed that we like the idea.

**Coordinator Report:**

Emily said many of the newsletters that she takes to the Brookwood Mobile Home Park on 19th St. and at Edgewood Homes are not picked up, so she's going to put fewer there, and more at other places. She'll put some at the East Lawrence Community Center from now on.

**Announcements, updates:**

The Kaw Valley Seed Fair is this Saturday from 9:00am-3:00pm, at the Douglas County Fair Grounds. There is an Antique Motorcycle Show this Sunday, also at the Fair Grounds. Bryan

Welch, former publisher of Mother Earth News, will be speaking at the Sustainability Action Network annual meeting on Friday, 10 February, 7:00pm, at Unity of Lawrence, 900 Madeline Lane. All events are free and open to the public.

### **Traffic calming discussion and input:**

Melissa gave a background of 21 years of traffic calming attempts in the north part of our neighborhood. She said the latest efforts had been thoroughly explored with the City Traffic Engineer, but the City Commission approved only a speed limit reduction to 20MPH on East Glenn Dr. The proposal to keep speeding commuter traffic off of the Oak Hill-Brook-12th “speedway” using turn restrictions off of 15th St. was turned down. So now we want input from neighbors as to what they can suggest.

Someone said that the traffic volumes along these streets seems to have diminished since the SLT opened, but others said the speeding has not. A woman who lives in the 12 hundred block of Brook St., and Melissa who lives in the 14 hundred block of Maple Ln. agreed that speeding is still a big problem. Someone suggested painting “20MPH” in large letters on the pavement. These Streets now are posted at 20MPH, but people speed anyway.

There was a suggestion that our neighborhood form a benefit district to pay for speed humps. Two concerns raised about that were that residents on streets that wouldn't get calming devices would feel short changed, and that the Pedestrian-Bicycle Task Force learned that State law prohibits such an across the board levy by communities.

Speed enforcement hasn't worked through the years, but it's been spotty and not at the right locations. So we want to try to get the Police to undertake a focused and multiple-day enforcement campaign at key locations. Their presence needs to say “we mean business”.

As for speed humps, the City Engineer and the various funeral homes in Lawrence don't want them on Oak Hill Ave. or 13th St. The repeated bumping would be a disruption of the feeling of serenity in a funeral cortege. Paying for speed humps elsewhere is a problem with City budget restraints, and the Infrastructure Sales Tax from 2008 did not earmark funds for them. When the sales tax renewal vote comes up this November, we want to make sure it's worded so it earmarks a set percent for traffic calming devices (and sidewalks, and bicycle lanes too).

The question of a roundabout at Haskell and 15th St. that we had proposed in 2003, and again in 2008, was raised. The problem-commuters are trying to avoid heavy congestion at this intersection, so a roundabout would move traffic through faster and more smoothly. The SW corner is already platted with space for a roundabout, and the School District is on record favoring it. The owner on the SE corner had endorsed the idea in 2008, so we would need to reconfirm it with him, and get approval from the NW corner owner.

Action taken: we agreed to approach the Police Department about an enforcement campaign, to collaborate with groups who want the Infrastructure Sales Tax renewal to earmark percentages for traffic calming, and to submit a proposal in the City Capital Improvement Plan for a roundabout at Haskell and 15th St.

**Meeting adjourned**

## Brook Creek Neighborhood Association Meeting

March 1, 2017

Minutes by Emily Winters, Coordinator

In attendance: Ron Bishop, Melissa Fahrenbruch, Melinda Henderson, Eric Jay, Katy Claggett, Kaitlyn Fisher, Eric Jay, Laine Eisenbart, Dave Crawford, and 5 other residents.

Introductions were given

Intersections Repair, Katy Claggett and Kaitlyn Fisher

- The design is based on the survey feedback
- Water for Brook and Burroughs creek
  - This will be an area that can be altered by children
- There is an area that looks like a bridge and railroad
- A literal compass has been added
- Ottawa co-op - green and yellow
- June 3rd is the tentative painting date - collaboration with the looper project
- Emily Winters motions, Ron Bishop seconded - approved
- Emily will send a letter of support

Hike Through History, Lane Eisenbart

- Funding has been secured to have the Hike Through History panels installed permanently
  - Should be installed by May
- The panels will run from 11th to 19th along the trail
- Possible additions for another traveling exhibit and possibly more permanent panels
  - Hobbs Park/municipal stadiums
  - East Bottoms
  - Friends Meeting House
  - Food Culture
  - Environmental history

Struct/Restruct, Eric Jay

- Eric gave a brief history of struct/restruct
- The shop will keep 2 acres
- 9 residential lots
- North side will be 2 acres of open space
  - Flood plane area
- 24 inches of fill was placed in Dec - 8 inches above flood plane - no flood insurance needed
- R/D Johnson has 6 weeks of infrastructure work left

- curbing, gutters and sidewalks will be installed
- The lots will be purchased by individuals and each project will be designed individually - but there will likely be language in the contract that requires SRS to have a hand in design so they can control aesthetics to some degree
  - Some individuals have discussed 1000 sq ft projects and some 3500 sq ft
  - RS7 zoning
  - Lot width will enable a driveway to lead to parking in the back of the houses
  - Garage placement will ultimately be up to the home owners, but they will encourage back entry when possible
  - Potential groundbreaking on a few lots this summer - 2-3 years for all
  - 1/4 acre lots ~60,000
- Landscape easement for the Bur Oak tree lot will be included - 2nd largest in KS (150 years old - can live to be 300)
  - City Forestry department is interested in purchasing the lot and developing a park - land exchange trade is a possibility (12th and book and east side of Laura)
  - SRS would welcome a letter of support
- 12th street closure will be off and on for the next 6 weeks
- If the city does not purchase the 2 acre lot it may become communal use for the residents
- Working on the shop aesthetics

#### Neighborhood Resource Officer, Amber Rhoden

- Dispatch 785-832-7509
- Requesting extra patrol can be done by any resident at any time
- The more dispatch calls the more frequent patrol that will happen
- Radar has not proven to be that effective, neighborhoods are hard to patrol
- A traffic study could be done for the intersection at 13th and Brook
- Discussion about homeless encampment in the woods

#### Downtown grocery Project, Dave Crawford

- Opened the floor to questions
  - Incentives - nothing has been decided for sure
  - The building will be torn down other than historic wall
    - Late summer break ground
  - Price Chopper - Queen Family
    - urban area model
    - drive-thru pharmacy
  - 2 levels of apartments, 20% affordable housing
    - underground parking garage

**Brook Creek Neighborhood Association**  
**Meeting Minutes, DRAFT, 5 April 2017**  
(by Michael Almon, Secretary)

**Present:** Melissa Fahrenbruch (President), Byron Wiley (Vice President), Michael Almon (Secretary), Ron Bishop, Melinda Henderson, Emily Winters (Coordinator), and one other Association member.

**Special guests:** Helen Schnoes, Douglas County Food Systems Coordinator, as speaker.  
Lisa Larsen, City Commissioner, as observer.

**Agenda:** Melissa distributed an agenda. Michael requested that the 19th St. item be discussed earlier than at the end of the meeting. We moved it to just before the Coordinator's report, and approved the agenda as amended.

**Introductions:** Melissa asked everyone in the room to introduce themselves.

**Minutes of prior meetings:** The February and March minutes were presented.

Action taken: Motion to approve by Ron, 2nd by Melissa. Both approved, with Michael abstaining on March minutes.

**Treasurer's report:** Jenna was absent, so Melissa presented the report covering 1-31 March 2017: \$65 in petty cash; \$2076.58 in checking account. \$2141.58 total revenues.

Action taken: Moved by Michael, 2nd by Emily to approve the report. Approved unanimously.

**Guest speaker:** Helen Schnoes spoke of the urban agriculture initiative last year to expand and clarify the City Code to allow more food production options. She explained how it came about with the collaboration of local growers, the Food Policy Council, and the City Planning office. There were several community meetings and revisions of the Code amendment, and The City Commission adopted it in April 2016. The Food Policy Council has now published a very clear 12-page booklet called "Lawrence Urban Ag Policy 101", which can be accessed at <https://assets.lawrenceks.org/assets/sustainability/urban-ag/urban-ag-cheat-sheet.pdf>. Sections include: crops and produce sales, chickens and ducks, goats and sheep, honey bees and wild pollinator bees, special urban farm provisions, and rights and responsibilities. One aspect that was deleted by the City Commission was small animal slaughtering in the City. The print version can be gotten for free from both City Hall and the County Courthouse. Ms. Schnoes mentioned the Double Up Food Dollars for income-qualified people to get double value for fresh produce at farmers' markets. She said that the County Conservation District is offering a series of urban ag classes for \$35 per class, and that the City has community garden sites available through the Common Ground Program.

### **Creek and park clean-up:**

Clean-up will be this Saturday, 8 April, from 10am-1pm. We'll meet at the gazebo, and there are K.U. volunteers coming from The Big Event. Emily has arranged for snacks, sandwiches and water from Dillons, Jimmy John's, and the Sand Bar. The E.L.N.A. folks won't be partnering this year, so we may not be able to get over to Burroughs Creek. Michael asked if we might consider holding this in March next year, because March is always dry, whereas April is typically rainy. But we decided against that, because the K.U. folks can help in April.

### **19th St. proposals to the City:**

The City has requested project proposals from citizens for their Capital Improvement Plan, which will fund projects larger than \$100,000. Last year we submitted a proposal for them to delete the 19th St. widening and connection to O'Connell Rd., and we want to repeat that this year. Michael reported that the organizing effort for a "19th Street Neighborhoods Coalition" has successfully inspired proposals from Barker Neighborhood and University Place Neighborhood to oppose the project as well.

The deadline was 15 March, and Michael presented all three submittals for us to review. In addition, we submitted a proposal for the roundabout at Haskell and 15th, and another for a Franklin Rd. entrance to Venture Business Park off of 23rd St., to be built instead of the 19th St. entrance. The City Commission meeting for the CIP will be next week on 11 April, at 5:45pm. For the City to do an about-face on 19th St., we will have to show up at their meeting in numbers, and Lisa Larsen commented that that is what really makes a difference.

### **Coordinator Report:**

The neighborhood yard sale will be on Saturday, 3 June, 8am-12noon. We again toyed with the notion of a centralized sale at Struct/Restruct, but the problem of logistics to get everything there, and especially to remove it at the end of the day, nixed that idea. So sales will be throughout the neighborhood, and BCNA will coordinate publicity. If folks want us to publicize their address, they can register with a pledge of a \$10 donation to BCNA. It was agreed that our yard sale sign distribution must be better this year. On the same day, ELNA will hold their neighborhood yard sale, and the Intersection Repair painting will take place at the 14th St. cul-de-sac by the Burroughs Creek Trail.

Newsletter time is in a week or so, but we're pinched for funds due to CDBG cuts. So Emily hopes to get more adverts. Another option for business support is "in kind" donations of items that can be used in raffles, which we could conduct on Facebook. Melissa said that neighborhood presidents are meeting regularly, and are working on a co-op arrangement that all newsletters would get a group rate from one printer.

Emily said that Rich Minder of the Delaware Street Commons is hoping for a collaboration with BCNA on an early childhood grant proposal called "Success By Six". While it's rather complex, essentially the focus is to provide a healthy built environment for children that will nurture their social and cognitive growth – anything from neighborhood parks to child development centers to complete streets to walking school buses to shared neighborhood

spaces. He wanted to meet the morning of our clean-up, but because that would already be busy, we decided to ask him to come to the park a half hour before, to discuss it then.

### **Announcements, updates:**

We are overdue holding our annual Coordinator evaluation, so we set the date.

**Anticipated action:** the Board will meet on 23 April, at 10am. If we can't get the East Lawrence Community Center, Melissa will hold it at her house.

Melinda updated us on the road closures for bridge work at N. 1500 Rd. (15th St.) and E. 1650 Rd. at 11th St. The County Stormwater Engineer is Chad Voigt, who did such a great job with the daylighting design for Burroughs Creek. He's not sure if both projects will be done simultaneously, or at separate times.

Melinda reported from L.A.N. on the sidewalk repair issue. The City maintains the streets, but State law requires the property owner to maintain the sidewalk. The Pedestrian-Bicycle Task Force had recommended a City-wide sidewalk fee, but the Kansas Supreme Court has ruled that it would be an illegal excise tax. So instead, the City is proceeding with a plan to issue citations to property owners to repair their sidewalk, and if they don't, the City will do it and charge the property owner. A lot of the citizenry are upset at this as being unfair to low income people. Lisa Larsen told us that the entire \$1,000,000 CDBG grant from the Feds is gone for 2018, and that had been money previously used to pay for sidewalk gap repair. She said the City will continue to do repairs of ADA ramps or damage from tree roots or utility work. Meanwhile, Senator Marci Francisco is investigating feasibility of a fee on our water bill that could be legal if people could opt-out. Lisa said another option, if the City Commission is willing, is for a 1-mil increase in the property tax.

**Meeting adjourned**



### **Brook Creek Neighborhood - 2nd Quarter Report 2016-2017**

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

- March Member Meeting
  - notification by newsletter, email, Facebook
  - 19 in attendance
- April Member meeting
  - notification by newsletter, email, Facebook
  - 9 in attendance
- Spring Clean up
  - Notification by newsletter, email, facebook
- May Member Meeting
  - Notification by newsletter, email and Facebook
  - 10 in attendance

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

- Organizing a raffle giveaway as a fundraiser and a way to gain email addresses.
- Participation in the coordination of the intersection repair painting party.
- Neighborhood wide yard sale to occur on June 3rd and a fundraiser and way to build community.
- Continued E-news every Tuesday , we currently have 103 subscribers.
- We continue to encourage neighbors to utilize our LISTSERV to communicate with each other in an informal, electronic way. We currently have 69 members enrolled.
- We continue to provide neighborhood and relevant city updates through our official Facebook page and also keep a neighborhood forum page that allows neighbors to interact with each other.

Brook Creek Neighborhood Association  
1322 Maple Lane  
Lawrence, Kansas 66044



### Join Brook Creek Neighborhood Association for only \$1.00

Support BCNA so that we can effectively represent you.

#### MEMBERSHIP RATES

In-neighborhood individuals \$1.00      Out-of-neighborhood individuals and businesses \$5.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Member information is used only for neighborhood communications, and not distributed or sold.

Please **check** ☒ any box that applies:

- ☐ I do not want my name printed in the newsletter as a new or returning member
- ☐ I would like to be included in a neighborhood e-mail list-serve
- ☐ I would like to receive a weekly e-newsletter

Mail this form and your check payable to BCNA to:

**Brook Creek Neighborhood, 1406 Oak Hill Ave., Lawrence KS 66044**

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## The Brook Creek Breeze

The Newsletter of the  
Brook Creek  
Neighborhood Association

May 2017

### Neighborhood Events

#### May

- 3 BCNA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.,  
East Lawrence Rec. Center
- 13 Really Really Free Market at  
Centennial Park 9 a.m to 1:30
- 20 Registration deadline for  
June 3 Yard Sale
- 25 Downtown Grocery meeting,  
6 p.m., Law. Public Library
- 27 Art Tougeau Parade, noon  
Mass. Street

#### June

- 3 Neighborhood Yard Sale
- 3 Mural Painting Party

#### September

- 6 BCNA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.,  
East Lawrence Rec. Center
- 9 Brook Creek Fall Picnic at  
Brook Creek Park

#### October

- 4 BCNA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.,  
East Lawrence Rec. Center

### Pile of Fun Planned for June 3

The Intersection Repair Team is hosting a party to paint a Brook Creek inspired mural on the cul-de-sac on E 14th St (just east of Burroughs Creek Rail Trail) on June 3rd, 2017. This community event, Intersection Repair 2.0, is all ages and all inclusive, and the day will be filled with activities. The tentative schedule follows:

10:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Painting party! All can participate in helping to paint the new neighborhood mural.

Free bike tune-ups, kids activities, info booths, morning yoga  
4:00 — 7:00 p.m.

Celebration of new mural!

Potluck and grilling

Live music from LaGuerre, Ardys Ramberg and more

In the event of rain on June 3, the event will be moved to June 10th. Check the Lawrence Intersection Repair Facebook page or contact the organizers at [katy.clagett@gmail.com](mailto:katy.clagett@gmail.com) for exact times and updates.

There is little to no parking on E 14th Street, so please walk or bike to the event if you can!  
*See p. 6 for mural design and location*

### Brook Creek and East Lawrence Yard Sale

Brook Creek Neighborhood Association is teaming up with East Lawrence Neighborhood Association to hold a two-neighborhood yard sale, on Saturday June 3rd from 8 a.m. to noon. BCNA and ELNA will place signs at key intersections, and advertise on our social media, and in local news sources. All you have to do is set up your yard, garage, or porch, and sell your stuff. If you'd like to go solo, that's fine. If you make a donation of \$10 to either BCNA or ELNA, to fundraise and offset some coordinating costs, we'll list your precise address in our promotions. If you'd like us to list your address, please register by May 20th.

In Brook Creek, contact our Coordinator, Emily, to register:

[brookcreekna@gmail.com](mailto:brookcreekna@gmail.com) or (785) 760-4742

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## Note from the President

Hello Neighbors,

We have been busy at work so far this year. We have had a lot of speakers at the recent meetings: Douglas County Food Systems, Lawrence Intersection Repair: Street Mural Project, Hike through History Project, Struct/Restruct, Downtown Grocery Project, and our Neighborhood Resource Officer. We look forward to Tenants to Homeowners at the May meeting.

We will be taking a break for the summer (June through August, no meetings) and wish to welcome everyone back with the Fall Picnic on September 9<sup>th</sup>. However, before everyone gets busy with summer events we do want to let you know about the last of the Spring events; we are having a community wide Yard Sale and have invited East Lawrence Neighborhood to join us on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. On the same day, to have a lot of fun and creativity, the Lawrence Intersection Repair Street Mural Project will have a painting party. I hope to see you there for painting, food, music and fun for the whole family, bring your friends.

We had a beautiful day for our Annual Park and Trail Clean Up. Thank you to The KU Big Event Group; East Lawrence Neighborhood Association for breakfast; Jimmy John's on Mass St, Sand Bar Subs, and Dillon's for lunch; Emily Winters for coordinating the event and help cleaning, Fred Sack, Mark Taylor, and Nate Jeffries for cleaning up the creek. We hope next year's event will be bigger and better.

BCNA was asked to participate in a grant proposal through Raising Places: Building Child-Centered Communities 2017 by Success by 6 Coalition of Douglas County. We have accepted the invitation. Success by 6 Coalition of Douglas County held stakeholder meetings in April and hope to submit the proposal by May 4. If chosen for the grant we will hold surveys of the community to get feedback. Please look for updates on this on our Facebook page or email newsletter on Tuesdays.

Finally, the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) in which we participate, is coming to an end next year. This grant helps fund our paper newsletters and the Coordinator stipend. Please subscribe to the e-newsletter or Facebook page or both to stay updated on what is happening in Brook Creek and Lawrence. We also hope to see you at our neighborhood meetings and events.

Thank you, Melissa Fahrenbruch

President, Brook Creek Neighborhood Association  
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## Native Plant Sales

Gardening with native plants is an ideal way to provide food and habitat to native wildlife, including migrating birds and butterflies such as the Monarch butterfly. Native plants have deep roots that provide erosion control and water retention benefits, so they're also tough and adapted to our climate. It can be difficult to find good locally-sourced native plants at stores, but several plant sales are offering opportunities to purchase plants while also supporting conservation and garden organizations.

### Plant sales:

#### Sunrise Project Plant Sale

Saturday, May 6, 1 to 4 p.m., 1501 Learnard Ave.  
Vegetables and native plants

#### Monarch Watch Plant Sale and Open House

Saturday, May 13, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Foley Hall, West Campus

Native and non-native pollinator plants



#### Grassland Heritage Foundation

Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.,  
Trinity Episcopal Church Lawn, 1011 Vermont St.  
50 species of native flowers and grasses

#### Douglas County Master Gardeners Plant Sale

Saturday, June 3, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Douglas County 4H Fairgrounds, 2110 Harper St.



*New England aster, top; Monarch caterpillar on butterfly milkweed, left; Columbine, right*



Want to get involved with the neighborhood but can't make it to the meetings?

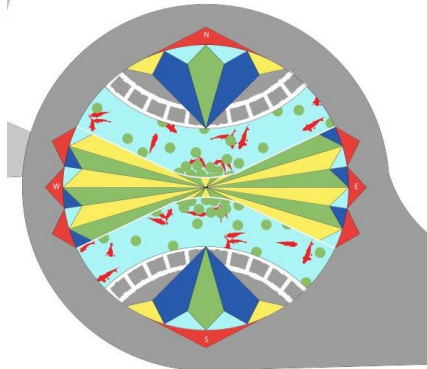
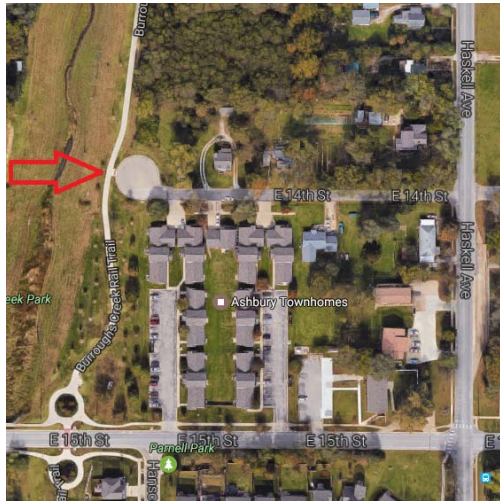
We are looking for people to serve on short term sub-committees. Volunteers can participate as much or as little as they can. Please consider helping make the neighborhood stronger. We could use help with the following:

- Fall picnic planning
- Fundraising

Email [brookcreekna@gmail.com](mailto:brookcreekna@gmail.com) if you are interested!

## Intersection Mural Design and Location

The June 3 painting party is the rebirth of the intersection mural project created at 10th and New York Streets. Katy Clagett of the Intersection Repair Team collected mural design ideas from Brook Creek residents to tailor a new design to the neighborhood. Another mural is planned for the west side of Burroughs Creek.



Intersection repair location at 14th & Burroughs Creek Trail (left) and street mural design (above)

## City-Sponsored Garden Plots Available



Common Ground, Lawrence's community gardening program, is accepting applications for the 2017 growing season. In 2016, gardens were tended by 200 growers and 900 volunteers, and 6,500 pounds of produce were donated to those in need in the community. To apply, visit [lawrenceks.org/commonground](http://lawrenceks.org/commonground). Contact Eileen Horn at [ehorn@lawrenceks.org](mailto:ehorn@lawrenceks.org) or 785-330-3121.

## Compost & Wood Chips

Compost and woodchips are available for purchase every Saturday, March through mid-December from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Compost and woodchips are for self load, except for the first Saturday of each month, when, the City will load material for customers. Pick-up truck or trailer loads will be \$10 per load, cash only, and small quantities are free. Please bring a shovel (personal motorized loading equipment such as a skid steer are not allowed). For more details call (785) 832-3030.

## Changes to Yard Waste Pickup

As of May 1, 2017, the City will not accept yard waste in personal trash containers. Waste can be set out in bundles, heavy paper bags, or brown 95-gallon containers sold by the City for \$60.

## BCNA Meeting Notes

### February

Katie Clagett presented the idea of painting the cul-de-sac on 14th street off Haskell Ave along the trail. The organization has researched the painting process since the intersection at 10th and New Jersey was painted and feels this location is great option. BCNA agreed to support the idea. In a discussion on traffic calming, there was some agreement that the opening of the SLT has helped with cut through traffic, although speeding still seems to be an issue. Speed humps were discussed, but they are very expensive and there have to be many installed for them to be effective. Attendees supported asking the City to fund a roundabout at 15th and Haskell to help with traffic flow throughout the neighborhood.

### March

The March meeting started with Katy Clagett and Kaitlyn Fisher from intersection repair updated BCNA about the plan for the painting party which will be held on June 3. Next, Lane Eisenbart from Hike Through History said that the permanent panels along the trail will be installed by May. Eric Jay from Struct/Restruct gave an update about the develop-

ment behind their shop along 12th street off Haskell. The lots will be sold to individuals who will have control over their own design. The city may purchase the lot with the large Bur Oak tree and possibly develop a park. Amber Rhoden, a Neighborhood Resource Officer, discussed traffic enforcement in the neighborhood. She recommended calling dispatch (785-8332-7509) anytime you see speeding or disregard for stop signs. Dave Crawford from the Downtown Grocery project said that Price Chopper plans to open a grocery store in the old Borders building. It will have apartments above, a parking garage, and a drive-thru pharmacy.

### April

Helen Schnoes from the Food Policy Council gave updates about the new Urban Agriculture codes (<https://lawrenceks.org/urban-ag/>), market match and garden spots available through Common Ground. BCNA planned the park clean-up and neighborhood yard sale. 1500 Rd and 1650 Rd east of the neighborhood will both likely be closed for several weeks. Attendees reviewed news from the 19th street coalition.

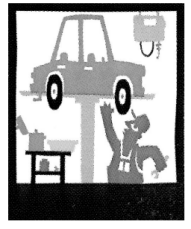
BCNA meeting minutes are posted in full on the BCNA website:  
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 Toto ultra low-flush toilets

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## Spring Park Clean-Up

A huge 'thank you' to The Big Event at KU volunteers for helping with our neighborhood clean-up! Big thanks also to East Lawrence Neighborhood Association for providing breakfast, Jimmy John's, Sandbar Subs, and Dillons for providing lunch for all the volunteers! It was a beautiful day!



## Theater Turns Brook Creek into Cultural Center of Lawrence

The Guild Theater of Lawrence is a new addition to the 19th & Haskell shopping center. The Theater is offering performances of the Lawrence Improv Guild and other comedy theater formats. Theater Director John Robison is the former director of the Roving Imp Theater, and is a frequent performer at Theatre Lawrence and the Kansas Belle Dinner Train. Robison also teaches improvisational comedy workshops and he works as a Lawrence realtor.



*Humorists of The Guild Theater*

## Van Go Arts Training Available

Van Go, Inc. ([www.van-go.org](http://www.van-go.org)) is a small non-profit in Lawrence that serves Douglas County youth who face barriers to successful employment. Van Go is 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. No experience is necessary! Due to grant funding, there is some eligibility criteria for applicants so call 785.842.3797 for more information!

## Sunrise Project Summer Sign-ups

Summer 17 provides opportunities for hands-on service and learning, workshops, gardening and cooking, meeting new people and making connections! Youth ages 12-18 are invited to participate in the summer program! 7 week-long projects will engage youth in service, learning and action! To learn more and to sign up: [bit.ly/syasum17](http://bit.ly/syasum17)

## Summer Student Bus Pass Program

Summer is starting earlier in Lawrence this year. Due to the popularity of the Student Summer Bus Pass program, K-12 students can receive unlimited rides on the bus for 4 months, from May 1st until August 31st, for just \$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 kids to get to the pool, community centers, parks, the library and shopping.

This is the fifth year of the Student Summer Bus Pass program in Lawrence. Each year, the program expands, as more and more students discover how the bus can help them with their transportation needs. For more information about how to ride the bus, visit

[www.lawrencetransit.org](http://www.lawrencetransit.org) or call (785) 864-4644.

Beginning April 17, the bus passes will be available at many locations around town.

Dillons stores

Hy-Vee stores

The Merc

City Hall

Community Building

East Lawrence Recreation Center

Holcom Rec Center

Sports Pavilion Lawrence

Indoor Aquatic Center (Starting May 27)

Outdoor Aquatic Center

## Humane Society Plans New Shelter Facility

The Lawrence Humane Society has embarked on a capital campaign to raise \$7.5 million for a new shelter facility.

A new 20,000-square-foot building will allow for improved operational efficiency for current programs and services, as well as the development and enhancement of new programs and services aimed at improving community animal welfare and education, and keeping pets and people together.

The new building addresses all challenges currently faced in the existing facility, allowing the Humane Society to fulfill longer-term goals and objectives and save more lives. Thanks to the generosity of donors, the support of the City of Lawrence, and supporters, the Humane Society is more than 70% of the way to their \$7.5 million goal to build a new shelter for the pets in our community. For more information or to donate visit: <http://lawrencehumane.org/donate/>



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