

Quarterly Neighborhood Performance Report - Quarter Two (November-January) Due Feb. 10

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Each Neighborhood is required to have at least quarterly meetings.	Meeting Date #1	<u>November 4th 2013</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>Yes</u>
	Meeting Date #1	<u>December 2nd 2013</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>Yes</u>
	Meeting Date #1	<u>January 6th 2014</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>Yes</u>

How was the neighborhood notified of the meeting(s)? (check all that apply)	email	<u>yes - Thursday enews</u>
	newsletter	<u>Yes - see attached</u>
	other announcement? (please specify)	<u>facebook, twitter, website</u>

Officer elections this quarter? (if so, attach list of new officers)	Yes Officer Elections in November - see board contact info
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Each Neighborhood is encouraged to produce regular newsletters.	Date of Newsletter	<u>Nov-Dec</u>	Copy Attached?	<u>Yes</u>
		<u>Jan-Feb</u>		<u>Yes</u>

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.

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

# East Lawrence Neighborhood Association

## CDBG Performance Report Activities

*Quarter:* **2nd**

*Months* **Nov-Jan**

*Year* **2013-2014**

*Event / Date Attendees*

### **City Commission Meetings**

10/29/2013 No mtg

5-Nov KT Walsh

11/12/2013 No mtg

19-Nov

11/26/2013

3-Dec

12/10/2013

17-Dec

12/24/2013

31-Dec No mtg

1/7/2014

14-Jan

1/21/2014

28-Jan

### **HRC Meetings**

11/21/2014

19-Dec

1/16/2014

### **LAN Meetings**

11/7/2013 Brenda Nunez

5-Dec Brenda Nunez

1/2/2014 Brenda Nunez

### **Planning Commission Meetings**

25-Nov

Dec-13

1/27/2014

### **Other**

1/14/2014 Aaron Paden - New York school bond planning mtg

1/21/2014 Aaron Paden, Josh Davis, Lane Eisenbart New York Elem Chili feed

1/24/2014 Aaron Paden, KT Walsh New York Mural mtg

1/31/2014 Aaron Paden, KT Walsh New York Mural mtg

## East Lawrence Neighborhood Association

Psst, hey! For all the new board members, here's a very unofficial (and certainly not complete) key to help you navigate the jargon. Here's some stuff that came up at the November meeting...

CC=City Commission

LAN=Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods

HRC=Historic Resource Commission

CDBG=Community Development Block Grant

NYE/NYS=New York Elementary/school

Horizon 2020=a comprehensive land use plan to help Lawrence guide policy, coordinate development and improvements, and try to give everyone some idea of how individual land use proposals may affect the overall goals of the city.

### Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2013 at New York Elementary

In attendance: Lane Eisenbart, Christine Kosirog, Josh Davis, Robert Krause, Jay Holley, Frank Jenzen, John Gascon, Simon Bates, Adam Smith, Leslie Soden, Boog Highberger, Sara Minges, Pam Blackburn, Brenda Nunez, KT Walsh, Aaron Paden, Cindy Suenram, Arch Naramore, Bill Wachspress, David Evans

2013-2014 board voted in!

Josh Davis, Phil Collison, KT Walsh, Brenda Nunez, Jacki Becker, Sara Minges, Leslie Soden, Kathleen Harris, John Gascon, Adam Smith, Eric Jay, Pam Blackburn  
Leslie Soden moved to vote in the slate, KT Walsh seconded, vote unanimous

2013-2014 officers voted in too!

Aaron Paden-President, Jacki Becker-Vice-President, Christine Kosirog-Secretary, Kathleen Harris remains Treasurer (that position voted on in July).  
Leslie Soden moved, KT Walsh seconded, vote unanimous

8th & Pennsylvania development update:

CC granted a 2 year variance to meet the 55% food requirement. This means they have 2 years to meet the requirement and 1 additional year to work out the kinks. KT reminds us to meet early and often with developers.

NYE bond/addition committee update:

School bond approved that will fund addition at NYE. Committee of neighbors and school staff (including Aaron Paden, Cari Davis and Eric Jay as well as principal and teachers at NYE) have been meeting with architects on plans every step of the way. A final site plan is almost ready and will be available at [USD497.org](http://USD497.org).

President's report:

- Renovations coming soon to Turnhalle.
- City of Lawrence is hosting a meeting regarding brick streets on Nov. 11 from 5:15-6:15. City staff will provide a presentation.

- CDBG funding report is due quarterly in order to show how ELNA funding is used. Report is completed by the President. As a parting gift, Josh Davis created a template to make the job easier.

Vice-President's report:

See NYE bond/addition update.

Treasurer's report:

Not present

Coordinator's report:

- October-newsletter was written, website updated and odds and ends completed from the block party.
- November-meeting minutes posted, history project updated as KT gets info to her.
- Grant requests have come in, coordinator suggests a committee be formed to handle the requests. \$100 was donated to the Central Middle School Fun Run separately from the grant requests.

LAN report:

- Landlord ordinance discussed, new board will be elected next meeting.
- Brenda Nunez will serve as ELNA's LAN representative.

Planning Commission report:

No updates

Historic Resource Commission report:

- Turnhalle added to local registry.
- Next meeting November 21 at 6:30pm in the training room will consist of a training on historic preservation, followed by regular meeting in City Commission room.

City Commission report:

- Volunteers needed to sort bricks at city brickyard.
- Horizon 2020 is being updated and a steering committee will be formed.
- 9 Delaware got their rezoning request approved.
- Falconing program in LFK, fo reals?
- City changing street lights to LEDs to cut down on cost
- Pedestrian crossing at 11th and Delaware, a pedestrian flag program might work. Its sweeping the nation and the data says it works. Another option might be solar rapid flashing beacons.
- Finally, no alligators on Pennsylvania. Whew!

PTO report:

- Parent-teacher conferences coming up, help us feed the teachers at NYE during their long long day.
- New York PTO is on Facebook, like 'em.

Site Council report:  
No updates

Cultural District Task Force update:

The report is almost done. Chamber of Commerce “speak” is still in one part, but the rest of the report is much broader. Plan is to wrap it up this Wednesday then send on to the city. Support will be needed at CC meeting. There will also be a need for funding in order to pay for an administrator at the city level as well as an outside consultant being brought in to write a cultural city-wide plan. Money will also be needed for the Cultural Arts Commission.

ELNA Grants update:

Per the coordinator’s suggestion, committee formed to write CDBG application as well as look at finances in order to determine how the grants will be dispersed. Committee consists of Aaron Paden, KH, Jacki Becker and Adam Smith who will watch and learn.

Announcements:

Following our tradition, ELNA will be adopting a family from the ‘hood for the holidays through the Ballard Center. List will be given to Christine Kosiog by Thanksgiving. Wrapping party will be December 12 at the Percolator at 6:30pm.

## East Lawrence Neighborhood Association

### Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2013 at New York Elementary

In attendance: Eric Jay, Pam Blackburn, Chris Sorrentino, Leslie Soden, Brenda Nunez, Katherine Harris, Dave Loewenstein, Jacki Becker, Sara Minges, Phil Collison, John Hachmeister, Katherine Simmons, Grace Peterson, John Gascon, Frank Janzen, Boog Highberger, Mike Myers, Arch Naramore, Bill Wachspress, Cindy Suenram, KT Walsh, Lane Eisenbart, Christine Kosirog, Aaron Paden, Ben Ahlvers, Michael Almon

November 2013 minutes approved: KT moved to approve, Phil seconded, vote unanimous.

December 2013 agenda approved with addition of presentation by Ben Ahlvers from Lawrence Arts Center moved to head of the agenda: KT moved, Phil seconded, vote unanimous.

Lawrence Arts Center: Ben Ahlvers came to let ELNA know about a grant idea that is in the works.

Lawrence Arts Center is initiating conversation, serving as a partner in the grantwriting process and would serve as administrator of the funds if approved for an Artspace grant of up to \$500,000. Letter will be sent to Artspace next week focusing on the idea of public art that functions in a shared public space. Couple this with the city's desire to redo streets and sidewalks along 9th street corridor and this may be a great opportunity. Notification, if approved to submit grant, would come in February 2014. They would have a few months to write the grant, and if approved, 2-3 years to spend the money. Both local and nonlocal artists would be considered to be a part of the project. The city would be partnering with the LAC in this grant, due to their interest in reworking the streets and sidewalks along the 9th street corridor in the near future.

Board Photos and interview questions: get to Lane ASAP so they can be included in the January newsletter.

Community Development Advisory Committee opening for East Lawrence: Need ELNA rep! Committee meets weekly and purpose is to help determine who gets city funds. Pam and Sara will cover this opening!

Brainstorming session for upcoming ELNA goals:

- Burrough's Creek Trail-the time is right and Aaron wants it!
- Neighborhood Sidewalk improvements-Mike Myers will plan a clean up for 7th and New York for this spring.
- Calling Tree/Neighborhood Preparedness-Pam and Christine will work on this to see what they can come up with.

- Downtown design guidelines-Phil reports lots of changes going on with this and suggests that a letter from ELNA might help. He is happy to come up with a draft. KT moves that ELNA submit letter, Leslie seconds, vote is unanimous.
- Bus hub at 21st and Stewart-Brenda would like to see ELNA spend some time on this. City is proposing to spend \$4 million for a hub that has no restrooms and no shelter.
- 9th Street Corridor-John suggests that ELNA work to ensure that it is bicycle friendly.

#### President's report:

- NYE rebuild has pulled some parking from New Jersey street. Questions remain as to how parking will affect St. Luke AME Church. Meeting on December 3 will provide answers.

#### Vice-President's report:

See cultural district task force update

#### Treasurer's report:

- \$2947 in checking
- \$2400 in reimbursements from city to be deposited

#### Coordinator's report:

- Hey board members, pay your dues!!!
- New board contact list has been made and distributed.
- Work in November-updated website, helped with the adopted family project.
- Work in December-newsletter, ads, website updates, history project (pending info), meeting minutes will be posted to website.
- Building request for Yart Sale needs to be submitted to New York School quick! March 29 work? Phil moved to have Yart Sale on March 29, KT seconded, vote unanimous.

#### LAN report:

- Presentation from Jeremy Farmer about the proposed casino. It is not being built.
- Rental registry will be at City Commission on December 3.

#### Planning Commission report:

- City has not been putting new site plans on their website in a transparent manner. Leslie and Phil will get to the bottom of this!

#### HRC:

- Local preservation ordinance turns 25 this month!
- Encourage county commissioners to get building on the local registry! Watkins was not on the registry either, but have since started process to correct that.
- Next meeting, December 16, commissioners will get training on the local ordinance.
- Lawrence Modern, started by Tom Harper, is looking for mid-century homes in East Lawrence. Let him know if you know of any.

#### City Commission:

- Rental registry on agenda for December 3.
- Mark Thiel, Assistant Public Works Director, gave report on brick streets. Need \$\$\$.  
Working on brick street policy and would like to come speak to ELNA about this.

#### PTO report:

- New York's annual chili feed will be January 21. ELNA helps with baked good donations.

#### Site Council report:

No updates

#### Cultural District Task Force update:

Finished up months of meetings, but with a good solid start. Will present at City Commission meeting on December 10 and need people to come and show support. The hope is that CC agrees, then a director of Arts and Culture will be hired.

#### ELNA Exploratory Budget Committee:

- Looking at a \$1400 decrease in our budget, and likely more than that for next fiscal year.
- In 2012 we received \$7900 from CDBG, in 2013 we received \$6549.
- Postage, coordinator salary, newsletter=\$2500 more than what we get from CDBG so we need to tighten the straps on our budget.
- All grants and merch will be postponed until further notice.
- Budget committee formed and consists of Aaron, Jacki, and KH.

#### Adopted Family Update:

- Sign up sheet for remaining gifts passed around meeting.
- Wrapping party will be December 12 at 6:30 at the Percolator.

#### Misc:

- Lane wondered if previous board members who've expressed interest in ELNA business should remain on the email list? Yes!
- 1 bedroom apartment in EL needed for friend who lost her home to a fire. Let Jacki know if you know of any.
- John wondered about neighborhood demographics. Good info is available in the CDBG application (emailed to board members) and suggested as a place to start.
- Pollinator mural at current site of downtown Farmer's Market is in danger of being removed in the renovation. A meeting with Spencer Museum of Art and Doug Compton will be happening to see if there is any way to save it.

Leslie moved to adjourn meeting, Jacki seconded, unanimous (yet sleepy) approval.



ELNA Meeting Minutes  
January 6, 2013 at the Percolator

In attendance: Christine Kosirog, Eric Jay, Josh Davis, Sara Minges, John Gascon, Pam Blackburn, Mike Myers, Steve Moring, Bill Wachspress, Adam Smith, Frank Janzen, Phil Collison, KT Walsh, Brenda Nunez, KH, Aaron Paden, Jacki Becker, Lane Eisenbart

December 2013 Minutes: Jacki moved to approve, John seconded, approval unanimous.

**Freedom's Frontier:** Julie McPike came to familiarize us with the work they do.

*History/Overview*-National Heritage areas (49 across the nation) share distinctive landscape (41 counties in eastern KS and western MO), nationally significant story (here the boarder war story), designated by Congress. Ours passed in 2006 since that time FF has been working in our area to tell our story. National Heritage areas work with National Park service to access funds and have technical assistance, then work to distribute those funds and resources across the area.

*Mission*-Build awareness of our stories across the nation, try to inspire respect for multiple perspectives, preserve/share important stories that add to the quality of life, empower residents. Settling the frontier (native americans) is also a theme they look at, as well as the enduring struggle for freedom (such as what happen to African Americans and suffragettes after the Civil War ended).

*How FF could work with ELNA*- Interpretive grants offered (\$500-\$5000 for 1 year) to allow partners to tell their stories (interpretive signage, murals, walking/biking/driving tours, videos, website content, schools, museums). Applications are simple and user-friendly. Also offer technical assistance (for example, how do we get started on a biking tour). May not have all the answers, but they will likely know who does.

*Meeting details*-Local office in basement of the Carnegie Building at 9th and VT. Bimonthly meetings, open to the public, (move around 41 county service area) meet from 10am-2pm (morning is meeting, afternoon is workshop) and offer partners a great way to meet others who are doing history work in the area. Have over 150 partners and 20-60 people at meetings! FF can elevate partners' work by showcasing on website, inclusion on map, focused brochures (like underground railroad sites in KS and MO). They help with projects they are invited to help with (like QR816 project). Local partners include Watkins, CBB, Marla Jackson, LeCompton State Historical Society. The more local projects we can share with FF the more grant opportunities are possible through FF resources.

*Questions-*

Does FF offer any assistance/resources for higher tech projects? FF has worked with a few simple high-tech projects (walking tour of Black Jack signed with QR code) and could lend their experience to those types of ideas.

Can FF provide the hosting of data? No, but they could talk about different models to be that access point to the video/audio/etc.

Would a grant to get the ELNA site to host something like this be possible? In the past, grants have been given for start-up projects and you could include this cost into the grant.

What is the grant cycle? Grants awarded quarterly, next deadline Feb. 15. Come in to consult with FF by February 1, then they will help as much or as little as needed after that.

**Common Ground Community Garden:** Steve Morning (from Sustainability Action Committee) came to talk with us about garden at 13th and Pennsylvania. 2 spots in the area-one which community members can rent space in, as long as they use organic production practices. The other is dedicated to permaculture principles. 400 lbs of food were donated last year. They would like to attract more members, 6-7 spaces are available (10X10 or 10x20 plots-\$100/year + security deposit). The "Perma Commons" garden work is done through a collective effort-watering, weeding, harvesting are handled as a group/in teams. This garden also serves as a demonstration garden to educate, provide space for workshops. Possible to pair with experienced garden at no cost. ELNA can pull content from Sustainability Action website for our next newsletter. They are also on Facebook.

**Burroughs' Creek trail expansion**-addition to agenda by Mike Myers. Mike shared that he met with city manager, city engineer, Bob Schumm, and some engineers from the city this morning and the city will be applying for KDOT grant by Feb. 14 for 2015 funds to go towards completion of the trail from where it ends now to Constant Park(?). Some parts of the trail are still up in the air, but they are moving forward. They requested letters of support from stakeholders in the community. City will provide Mike with grant details as soon as possible, he will share with ELNA and a letter can be drafted at that point. This leads to further conversation about how east Lawrence interfaces with the river-worthy of future conversation.

Adam moves for ELNA letter of support, Josh seconds, unanimous approval. Aaron will do rough draft when Mike has more info and send out for board approval. Jacki will do similar letter from KVKL.

Mike also brought up idea of early spring clean up along the river, he is happy to organize.

**Saunny Scott home (keeping people in their homes):** LJ World ran story in newspaper that she is at risk of losing her home of 30+ years, which has been adapted to support her adult daughter who also lives there and requires a wheelchair. Christine would like more details and, because of the work Saunny has done for all of Lawrence, would like to investigate if anyone in the community has started a donation fund. Bill shared that she lives near 19th and Barker. Christine will follow up with Lisa Harris (Barker Neighborhood Association-331-8281, lharris@ku.edu), reporter, tenants to homeowners as resources.

**President report:** NH street road closure due to construction (currently down to one lane, they want to close the entire road until end of March). 900 block of RI closed as a courtesy to people living on the block during construction. This has already resulted in some safety issues for residents and will likely be made worse by closure of NH as well. Need for better signage and police support of the detour route. "Liquidated Damages Clause" could be put on deadline, so if the deadline is not honored funds will need to be paid to a good neighborhood cause (some examples may be Arts Center, Turnhalle, brick street repair, etc). Josh and KH will craft a response.

**Vice-President report:**

- December 10 Cultural Arts District approved by CC. City will look at matching funds for grant to hire director.

**Treasurer report:**

- Current bank balance is \$5253.
- Proposed balance sheet for income/expenses for next year, with adjustments to CDBG and walking newsletter 1 time, we'd lose \$1100. Need to think about fundraising, walking date for newsletter, reducing cost of block party. Yart Sale makes good money, block party made \$80.

**Coordinator report:**

- December tasks-wrote newsletter, completed NYE building request form for Yart Sale (set up March 28, sale March 29), updated website, had a few new members, posted November meeting minutes, updated mailing labels, LAN dues mailed.
- January tasks-post more links on website, update historic info, post December meeting minutes, reach out for Martin Luther King chili feed volunteers, start on newsletter (deadline Feb. 14) which will have garden focus (maybe something about the curb survey if ready, will also start having something about east Lawrence history and businesses in every newsletter, and extract highlights of oral history project from the MLK chili feed).

**LAN:**

- Still looking for CDBG low-mod people? Or, maybe we just needed to connect Pam? We'll start there.
- Rental licensing for landlords-final decision will be made at meeting on Jan. 7.

**PC:**

- "East Nacho Lots?" doing subdivision at 1206 Penn. Not sure if it will be single home or multiple residence. Zoned RS5.

**HRC:**

- Cordley school expansion presented, its pretty.
- Subcommittee created to update ? document.
- Mark Thiel will be presenting on brick streets this month.
- County court house and Watkins both added to local register!

- Pollinators mural followup-Compton refused to meet (with ?) about mural, finally agreed then backed out 10 minutes prior to meeting. They will keep trying to meet with him.

**CC:**

- Approved Farmers Market using city parking lot for 2014, but wanted them to have 5 year plan for the future.
- Rideshare program presented, city planners asked to do a report to see if we should do this program in our city.
- CC/HRC joint meeting is tomorrow night (see email from Lane).

**CDAC:**

- One more representative needed.

**PTO:**

- MLK Chili Feed Jan. 21 5-7 pm. Planning group will meet on Jan. 14.

**Site Council:** no updates

**Updates/announcements:** no updates

Aaron moved to adjourn, Jacki seconded, unanimous approval.

# East Lawrence News

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January 2014



## ELNA

### General Meeting

Monday, January 6th,  
7-9pm

New York School Library

#### Agenda:

#### Special Guests –

Mark Theil, of Lawrence Public  
Works, and representative's from  
Freedom's Frontier

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## Welcome Neighbors to 2014!

This year ELNA had so many good people interested in serving on the neighborhood board that some long-term members took a break and made room. Please join me in welcoming new board members Adam, Eric, John, Pam, and Sara.

While we continue to engage with outside pressures of new developments it is important for the neighborhood to put energy into proactive activities that define us. For some that is simply gardening, walking your dog, building a chicken coop, or making ice cream for the neighbor kids.

In December ELNA took some time to brainstorm special projects ELNA would like to take on this year. I've listed some of them out below, but I want to draw special attention to the subject of oral histories, as two events are happening in January.

The first is a presentation and brainstorm with Freedom's Frontier at our January 6<sup>th</sup> ELNA general meeting. Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area is dedicated to building awareness of the struggles for freedom in western Missouri and eastern Kansas. A partnership between East Lawrence and Freedom's Frontier could work to capture the oral histories of our neighborhood's own past struggle for freedom.

Later, on January 21<sup>st</sup> New York elementary school students will be collecting oral histories at the MLK chili feed. You can read more about it later in the newsletter. If oral histories are what keep you warm on a winter's night – you'll not want to miss the ELNA meeting or the MLK chili feed.

Other projects we hope to work on are:

The completion of the Burroughs Creek Trail

Making recommendations on how to further connect the car-less routes in East Lawrence

Creating an emergency contact list / neighborhood calling tree

Pursuing downtown design guidelines – created with input from area residents and businesses.

If you have interest in any of the above or want to champion another cause I encourage you to bring your ideas to ELNA and let us work together for a better future. Feel free to email me, aaronpaden@gmail.com or call me at 785 840-6400.

Be on the lookout for public NY elementary school expansion meetings – many new and exciting developments will be happening at our neighborhood school.

Happy New Year to you all!

Aaron

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## Cultural District Update

In Feb of 2013 the Lawrence City Commission created a cultural district that runs from 15th street on the south, Kentucky street on the west, the Kansas river on the north and the Burroughs creek trail on the east. A Cultural District Task Force was selected to research and report on how we can coordinate and strengthen the cities assets while creating valuable new public and private arts and culture investment. KT Walsh, Brenda Nunez and Jacki Becker were the elected East Lawrence members, in addition, Grace Peterson, who was at the time an ELNA board member, was the chosen representative of Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission.

On Tuesday Dec. 10 the Cultural District Task Force gave a presentation to the City Commission. There were nine recommendations given to the City Commission. The first charge was to hire a City Director of Arts and Culture. This paid city employee would then be in charge of creating a community-wide cultural plan. The plan requested infrastructure improvements including improved sidewalks, increased bike lanes, better lighting, and the completion of the Burroughs Creek Trail extension. In addition more public art, affordable works space for artists, maintaining and preserving of the character of the district were also priorities once a Director is hired.

The City Commission unanimously agreed to accept the proposal. Currently they are working on a grant from the State of Kansas Department of Commerce to fund a City Director of Arts & Culture for 2014. The City has agreed to some form of matching of the grant.

Studies have shown when a community commits to arts, kids do better in school, neighborhoods are safer and quality of life increases. Hiring a director of arts and culture to implement the cities cultural plan is the first step in the continued enhancement of Lawrence Kansas as a place to artistically work and live.

-- Jacki Becker, ELNA Board member,  
Cultural District Task Force member

### ELNA Merch!

Wear your eastside pride!

We have black and grey unisex t-shirts, blue unisex tank tops, heather green and heather brown ladies tees, a few random ladies tshirts and tanks, and heather grey baby onesies for sale, all \$15 each. We've got stickers, too, for \$2.00 a piece! They're even small enough to fit on your bike, in case you were wondering. Look on our website, eastlawrence.org, for the order form or email Christine Kosirog [ckosirog@yahoo.com](mailto:ckosirog@yahoo.com) with questions.

## January February Calendar

Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 3-4:30pm 7<sup>th</sup> and NY Street Depot Clean Up  
Jan 6<sup>th</sup> Classes Resume USD 497  
Jan 6<sup>th</sup> by 6am City Tree-Cycling – pick up at curb or alley  
Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm ELNA Meeting @ NYSchool library  
Jan 20<sup>th</sup> No School USD 497  
Jan 21<sup>st</sup> 5-7pm NYSchool MLK Chili Feed @  
NYSchool gym  
Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm Free Film @ NYSchool gym  
  
Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 3-4:30 7<sup>th</sup> and NY Street Depot Clean Up  
Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 7-9pm ELNA Meeting @ NYSchool library  
Feb 7<sup>th</sup> No School Pre-K-5 USD 497  
Feb 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> No School Pre-K-5 USD 497  
Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30 Free Film @ NYSchool gym

## Save the Date! ELNA Yart Sale

ELNA will hold it's annual yard and art sale – Yart! – fundraiser again this year on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 2014 from 8:00am to 1:00pm at the New York Elementary gym. This year, the sale will be the weekend after USD 497's Spring Break, so you'll have lots of time to clean out your spaces and collect those useful and unique items to donate to our sale. Check our March/April paper newsletter, enews, website, facebook, and twitter for details later. Plan to come!

## New and Returning Members September, October, November 2013

Kelley Hurst  
Raymond Hall  
Pam Blackburn  
Mick Palmer  
Judy Romero  
Ramon Romero Jr  
Tony Romero  
Lupe Romero-Kosa  
Mike Romero  
Virginia Romero  
Burton Parker  
April and Ben Sikes  
Chris Lempa  
Rachel Vaughn  
Brad Eldridge  
Evie Schliffe  
Josh Meyer  
Bill Dodd

Clayton McHenry  
Sarah Wallace  
Carrie James  
Rex Brandt  
Dawn Hawkins  
Skylar Adamson  
Katie Keating  
James C Dunn  
Chris Sorrentino  
Staci Ahlvers  
Megan and Alex Hawman  
Jessica Bergin  
Justin Bergin  
Kristina and Michael Davis  
Cindy Suenram  
Arch Naramore  
Martha Thorpe

## Adopt –a –Family Thanks



### Adopted Family 2013

ELNA has adopted a family for the holidays through the Ballard Center for the last 3 years. Maybe longer, but for the past 3 years I have had the pleasure of organizing it. As a neighborhood with a wide array of budgets and resources this is a risky project to take on, and this year we also had the added pressure of a short deadline to contend with - 3 weeks from the time we got our family's wish list to the time the gifts needed to be dropped off at Penn House for pick up by the family. This year, like every year, I thought "there is no way we're gonna pull this off." But, like every year, we did. We provided a family in our neighborhood with \$100 in gift certificates for a holiday meal and over \$500 in gifts. Generosity poured in from neighbors, friends of the neighborhood and even people who have moved 1000 miles away but still consider East Lawrence home. I am proud to be rooted in this quirky, historic yet ever-changing place I call home on a daily basis. But this year, when I filled up my car with gifts, I was inspired and humbled by the support and unquestioning love that my neighborhood showed. Anonymous acts of love and community. What a great way to end the year. Thanks East Lawrence!



### Tom Harper

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## East Lawrence Free Film Series

Spread the warmth by joining as a community to explore issues of human equality with three inspiring, educational films! This winter, New York Elementary PTO and Site Council will partner to bring you the first of what we hope becomes a winter tradition for the East Lawrence Neighborhood. All films are family friendly, although they deal with complicated issues that may be better understood by older children. Childcare will be provided. Refreshments will be available for purchase as fundraiser for NYE.

Tues. Jan 28<sup>th</sup> – Race: The Power of Illusion

Tues. Feb 25<sup>th</sup> – Girl Rising

Tues. Mar 25<sup>th</sup> – We Were Children

All films will be shown at 6:30pm in the New York Elementary gym.

If you or your group would like to volunteer to help with the film series or to suggest movies for next year, please contact Lilly Mason at [lillymason@gmail.com](mailto:lillymason@gmail.com).

## ELNA is on Facebook!

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**AARON PADEN**

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?* 8 years

*How long have you been on the ELNA Board?* This is my fourth year

*Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board?* Because I lack the ability to say "no" and there's work to be done.

*What kind of projects/causes are you interested in working on in this year of service?* I always enjoy the activities that bring the neighborhood together such as the block party and the yard sale. I will continue to focus my energies on those things that bring us together as a community.

*Tell us a secret?* They are my secrets and you can't have them.

**ADAM SMITH**

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?* Five glorious years.

*How long have you been on the ELNA Board?* One month!

*Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board?* I wanted to be more involved in my

neighborhood community.

*What kind of projects/causes are you interested in working on in this year of service?* I'm very interested in protecting the history, structure and residents of our neighborhood during this period of development. We live in the heart of Lawrence, I love it here. Change is inevitable, I am excited to see things change for the better.

*Tell us a secret?* I saw ten bears in the wild this year, a couple closer than I cared to.

**CHRISTINE KOSIROG**

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?* 12 years

*How long have you been on the ELNA Board?* 5 or 6 years, can't remember for sure

*Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board?* The community. I love that so many different people come together regularly for the sake of our neighborhood and I love our neighborhood for being home to so many different people. It's a beautiful thing.

*What kind of projects/causes are you interested in working on in this year of service?*

This year I am interested in exploring the potential that our neighborhood holds for creativity, finding a way to support the safety of our neighbors in case of an emergency and, finally, in meeting more people in our ever-changing 'hood.

*Tell us a secret?* Hmmm, let me think on that one. How about I'm a doting, loving mother who never shares chocolate with her kids? Or, my children spent the first 5 years of life believing that if the ice cream truck's bell was ringing that meant they were sold out of ice cream? I don't know, not too many juicy secrets that I'd be willing to share.

**BRENDA NUNEZ**

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?* Since 1958

*How long have you been on the ELNA Board?* Many years

*Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board?* I love East Lawrence

*What kind of projects/causes are you interested in working on in this year of service?* Right now, the bus hub.

*Tell us a secret?* no

**LESLIE SODEN**

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?* Since 2003

*How long have you been on the ELNA Board?* Since 2003

*Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board?* Because I care about our neighborhood, and the need to keep it a special part of Lawrence is very important to me.

*What kind of projects/causes are you interested in working on in this year of service?* Helping to make sure that the newly designated Cultural District doesn't become something that drives gentrification or change what makes our neighborhood special.

*Tell us a secret?* Sorry, you didn't give the secret password.

**PAM BLACKBURN**

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?*

I have lived in East Lawrence for 8 months. I moved my family from Shawnee in May after 20 years there. The house was too big and the Johnson county suburbs were too spread out. I chose Lawrence because it has diverse activities that are easily accessible. I chose East Lawrence because I can walk just about anywhere I want to go!

*How long have you been on the ELNA Board?* I have just joined the Board.

*Why did you choose to serve on the ELNA Board?* I want to be part of the solution to improve the neighborhood and get support from the city. Now that my family and I are settling into our new house (we will be unpacking for another 6 months, downsizing is no fun!), I am worried about many of my neighbors' homes. These homes have stood for many, many years. The city seems to be expanding the downtown area and I am concerned that many more of the neighborhood homes will be destroyed either by neglect or by downtown progress.

*What kinds of projects/causes are you interested in working on in this year of service?* Sidewalks. Other projects to help the viability of the neighborhood.

*Tell us a secret?* I was very active in community theater in Johnson County. I costumed 13 years at The Theatre in the Park and have also worked on 6 or so shows at the Barn Players in Mission. I am looking forward to getting involved in the theater groups here in Lawrence.



## JOSH DAVIS

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?* 14 years

*How long have you been on the ELNA Board?* 5 years?

*Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board?* I love the neighborhood and try to be useful.

*What kind of projects/causes are you interested in working on in this year of service?* I would like to see a Burroughs Creek Trail extension and though not a project that needs work anymore, I'm looking forward to seeing our new addition to New York School.

*Tell us a secret?* Well then, it wouldn't be a secret anymore would it?



## KT WALSH

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?* 36 years!

*How long have you been on the ELNA Board?* Off and on forever

*Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board?* You get to work with really smart, funny, and engaged people who are committed to our wonderful neighborhood.

*What kind of projects/causes are you interested in working on in this year of service?* Doing a mural about the history of New York School with the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade kids, getting East Lawrence properties on the state, national, and local historic registries, working on the Cultural District, etc, etc, etc.

*Tell us a secret?* I'm so Irish, it hurts. I bleed green.



## LANE EISENBART

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?* Eight years, give or take a summer or two.

*How long have you been on the ELNA Board?* I am not a member of the ELNA board. I am ELNA's only employee.

*Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board?* I choose to work for ELNA because I love my neighborhood, and I like the idea of using my skills to help the people I care most about, who care about and help me.

*What kind of projects/causes are you interested in working on in this year of service?* I'll work on whatever projects the board tells me to. ☺ But, I am very interested in seeing what comes of the Cultural District, the Burroughs Creek Trail expansion, and the Compton developments.

*Tell us a secret?* I make whiney yucky baby faces and noises whenever I have to take my vitamins. Every time. Like a whiney baby.



## KH

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?* 21 ½ years

*How long have you been on the ELNA Board?* Been on the board as Treasurer for 1 ½ yrs

*Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board?* It seems that there are a lot of changes facing E. Lawrence in the next few years, the changes at 9th and New Hampshire being the bellwether. I'm concerned about keeping E. Lawrence the lovely, neighborly, funky place that it is, while accommodating change. Not all changes are progress.

*Tell us a secret?* Not so secret, I tell bad jokes.



## JACKI BECKER

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?* Ten years in 2014!

*How long have you been on the ELNA Board?* 4 or 5, one more than last year

*Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board?* Deron Belt made me. But, really, I

love where I live in Lawrence, and want to continue to make sure our neighborhood stays the fantastic place it is.

*Tell us a secret?* Hmm, I have so many... I was a swimmer at KU. I really dislike the smell of bacon. Garlic is my favorite food.

## JOHN GASCON

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?*

We bought our house in July of 2012, but had to wait until December to move in, as we renovated the interior. That makes it technically a year.

*How long have you been on the ELNA Board?* This will be my first time. I heard if you look away, it won't hurt as bad.

*Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board?* My wife and I moved to Lawrence from Seattle and specifically chose East Lawrence for it's location and charm. As a former architect, I'm very interested in improving our neighborhood for the better, and I hope my past experience can be of use to my neighbors.

*What kind of projects/causes are you interested in working on in this year of service?* I am most interested in the impact of the Cultural Arts district and how that will shape the development of infrastructure in our neighborhood, especially 9th Street, the Arts District, New York School, and the Burroughs Creek Trail.

*Tell us a secret?* We discovered a rare Jimi Hendrix 8-track cassette, several small mammal bones, and a vintage my little pony buried in the walls of our house.



## More Board Member Interviews



### PHIL COLLISON

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?* I have lived in East Lawrence since 2004, and off and on over the 27 years prior to that.

*How long have you been on the ELNA Board?* I think this is my 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

*Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board?* I want to have an impact on things happening in my 'hood. And help quiet voices get heard.

*What kind of projects/causes are you interested in working on in this year of service?* East Lawrence/ Downtown connection

*Tell us a secret?* I try and use my superpowers for good!



### SARA MINGES

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?* In June 2012 I moved from North Lawrence to East Lawrence.

*How long have you been on the ELNA Board?* In November 2013, I accepted a vacant ELNA

Board position.

*Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board?* Recently I attended an East Lawrence Neighborhood Association meeting and decided I wanted to get involved. Several of my friends and neighbors were board members and I was interested in the community improvement projects discussed at the meeting. I also wanted my vote to count.

*What kind of projects/causes are you interested in working on in this year of service?* I want to help residents of East Lawrence feel better physically and emotionally, enjoy their neighborhood and all it has to offer and connect with their neighbors.

*Tell us a secret?* During a game of UNO, my cousin and I convinced his friend that I lived in Madrid and was in the States visiting family. Months later he still believed our "story."



### ERIC JAY

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?* I haven't physically lived in East Lawrence quite yet, but soon. I have been building our house at 8<sup>th</sup> and New Jersey for the past year, and hope to be living there within a few months. I have co-owned an East Lawrence

business for over five years, and, sometimes, it feels like I live there.

*How long have you been on the ELNA Board?* ONE MONTH

*Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board?* To be more involved in neighborhood issues and to meet new neighbors

*What kind of projects/causes are you interested in working on in this year of service?* Historic Preservation, Cultural Arts District, sidewalks

*Tell us a secret?* I bleed purple.

## New York Elementary's Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Chili Feed

New York Elementary will host the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Chili Feed on Tuesday, January 21st from 5:00 to 7:00pm in the New York School gymnasium. The public is invited to this community celebration of the life of Dr. King. Come join your neighbors and support New York Elementary by enjoying a bowl of chili (there will be a vegetarian option), crackers, carrot/celery, dessert and drinks. There is no set cost. Instead, diners will be asked for a donation. Bring something relevant to your own experience at New York, a story, a picture, a small artifact, if you're so inclined, for the New York School history project detailed below.

## New York School Turns 145 Years Old In 2014

New York Elementary is gathering information, pictures and small artifacts from former and current students, teachers, parents and community members about our school and the East Lawrence neighborhood. We are hoping you will come the Dr. Martin Luther King chili feed on January 21<sup>st</sup> and share your story with us. With the help of some tech savvy students we will have an area set up for you to record your 2-3 minute remembrance about our school. You can also bring your pictures and small artifacts to the chili feed. Pictures and artifacts will not be returned to you. You may want to make a copy before giving a picture to us. If you would rather just write your story, that would be great, too! We want everyone to share. If you love history and want to help us with this project, we would appreciate volunteers to help organize the stories, pictures and small artifacts we gather during this time. If you have questions, please call the school at 832-5780 and ask to speak with Mrs. DeGarmo.

We would like to Thank the Van Go JAMS class prior to 2008 for the art work in the corner of our yard at 12th and New York.

Arch Naramore and Cindy Suenram

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## ***There's a new preschool classroom opening in your neighborhood!***

The Douglas County Child Development Association is happy to announce the opening of our early education site on Lawrence's East side. Positive Bright Start, as we are calling it, is a single preschool classroom located at the Edgewood housing community at 1600 Haskell St. The Positive Bright Start classroom will host a maximum of 12 children between the ages of 3 and 5 years, and will be operational by the end January 2014. Care will be provided from 7:30am to 5:30pm, Monday through Friday, year round. The cost of tuition at Positive Bright Start is \$600 per month before DCF assistance. Full and part time openings are available.

Positive Bright Start will operate under the belief that all children have special needs and special strengths. And, in the appropriate learning environment, all children can learn, from their peers as well as from their teachers. With these principles in mind, the Positive Bright Start classroom will include children determined to have specialized developmental or mental health needs as well as peer models. Positive Bright Start will utilize the Positive Behavior Support problem solving model and the Creative Curriculum project-based investigations approach to promote social and emotional, physical, cognitive, and language development for school readiness.

We are currently seeking peer models for our classroom. If you are interested in applying for your child to attend Positive Bright Start as a peer model, you must first fill out an application form and return it to DCCDA. After your application has been received, you will be contacted

about visiting Positive Bright Start for an interview where you can see the classroom, meet some of the teachers, and fill out a questionnaire designed to gauge your child's suitability as a peer model. After interviews, applicant families will then be asked to attend a Preschool Round-Up that will likely be held at the Positive Bright Start classroom in the second or third week of January, from 8:30-9:30am. At this Round-Up, your child will be further screened to assess their classroom needs. When all applicants have been screened, the PBS staff will select a roster of best-fit students, and notify families. Families will then be asked to confirm enrollment in Positive Bright Start, and tuition arrangements will be made.

If you think your child, or a child in your care, would be a good peer model for this exciting new classroom, please contact us to request an enrollment application. Or if you have further questions about the enrollment process and admission policies, licensing, our philosophy, or just general information, please contact the Positive Bright Start Director Emily Hilding [emilyjane@dccda.org](mailto:emilyjane@dccda.org), DCCDA's PBS Administrator Marci Ramsay [marci@dccda.org](mailto:marci@dccda.org), or the Positive Bright Start Service Coordinator Michelle Needham [michelle@dccda.org](mailto:michelle@dccda.org). Emily, Marci, and Michelle can also be reached at (785) 842-9679.

Please visit our website [www.dccda.org](http://www.dccda.org) for even more information on what the Douglas County Child Development Association does.

We look forward to serving your neighborhood!

## **City announces arts grant program for 2014**

The Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission (LCAC) is again offering their Annual Community Arts Grant Program. The deadline to submit applications is 4 p.m., Monday, March 24, 2014. The goals of this program are to promote awareness of and appreciation for the arts in Lawrence and encourage arts collaborations within the community.

The City of Lawrence recognizes that art enriches the quality of life in the community, and that collaboration among artists, arts organizations, and other community institutions and businesses is critical to the success of Lawrence as a 'City of the Arts'. Therefore, the city offers grants totaling \$7,000 through the LCAC grant program to support excellent collaborative projects in the arts that will benefit the citizens of Lawrence.

Proposals requesting grants for projects or activities that address these goals are welcome from applicants with

Lawrence addresses who propose projects to be executed within the Lawrence city limits. The grant application instructions and forms are available for download at: <http://www.lawrenceks.org/artgrants>.

Applicants also can pick up materials at City Hall, the Lawrence Public Library, and the Lawrence Arts Center during regular business hours.

Proposals will be reviewed by the Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission, which will make recommendations for awards to the Lawrence City Commission. The City Commission will then provide final approval and award the grants.

Questions regarding the grant program should be directed to: Diane Stoddard, City of Lawrence at (785) 832-3413 or [dstoddard@lawrence.ks.org](mailto:dstoddard@lawrence.ks.org).

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\$1.00 for in-neighborhood individuals      \$5.00 for out-of-neighborhood individuals  
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- ☐ We print the names of new and returning members in the bimonthly paper newsletter. Check here if it's OK to print your name.
- ☐ We're working on creating a block-by-block calling/ check-in network of neighbors to contact in the event of an emergency. It's a work in progress. Check here if you'd like to be part of the East Lawrence Safety Network Calling Tree.
- ☐ Check here if you'd like to be added to our ELNA Yahoo group. An e-vite will be sent to you.
- ☐ Check here if you'd like to be added to our "Thursday ELNA News" weekly e-newsletter email list.
- ☐ Check here if you do not want to be included in email messages.
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## ELNA Needs Your Help! Please Volunteer!

Mark what ELNA events/skills you would like to volunteer for:

- \_\_\_ Work Days
- \_\_\_ YART (Yard/Art) Sale
- \_\_\_ Block Party
- \_\_\_ Adopt-A-Family
- \_\_\_ Art
- \_\_\_ Music
- \_\_\_ Photography
- \_\_\_ Gardening
- \_\_\_ Grilling
- \_\_\_ Fund Raising
- \_\_\_ Historic Preservation
- \_\_\_ Serving on the ELNA Board
- \_\_\_ Website/Technical Management
- \_\_\_ Baking/Cooking
- \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_