

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

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Each Neighborhood is required to have at least quarterly meetings.	Meeting Date #1	<u>Feb 3rd</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>YES</u>
	Meeting Date #1	<u>March 3rd</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>YES</u>
	Meeting Date #1	<u>April 7th</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>YES</u>

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

Officer elections this quarter? (if so, attach list of new officers)	<u>No</u>
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Each Neighborhood is encouraged to produce regular newsletters.	Date of Newsletter	<u>Jan-Feb</u>	Copy Attached?	<u>Yes</u>
		<u>March-April</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: 3rd

Months Feb-April

Year 2014

Event / Date Attendees

City Commission Meetings

2/4/2014

11-Feb

2/18/2014

25-Feb

3/4/2014

11-Mar

3/18/2014

25-Mar

4/1/2014

8-Apr

4/15/2014

22-Apr

4/29/2014 No mtg

HRC Meetings

2/20/2014

20-Mar

4/17/2014

LAN Meetings

2/6.14 Brenda Nunez

6-Mar Brenda Nunez

4/3/2014 Brenda Nunez

Planning Commission Meetings

24-Feb

Mar-14

4/21/2014

Other

2/4/2014 Aaron Paden / Eric Jay - New York school bond planning mtg

2/18/2014 Aaron Paden / Eric Jay - New York school bond planning mtg

2/7/2014 Aaron Paden, KT Walsh New York Mural mtg

2/12/2014 Josh Davis 9th street corridor mtg @ callihan creek

3/8/2014 Aaron Paden, KT Walsh, Lane Eisenbart, Jacki Becker, River Cleanup

3/12/2014 Aaron Paden, Lane Eisenbart, Christine Kosiog,

3/29/2014 Aaron Paden, Josh Davis, Brenda, Christine, KT Walsh, Phil Collison,
Cindy Suenram, Pam Blackburn YART Sale

4/12/2014 Josh Davis, New York school clean up

ELNA Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2014 at the Percolator

In attendance:

Christine Kosirog, Jacki Becker, Aaron Paden, Lane Eisenbart, Eric Jay, KT Walsh, Brenda Nunez, Pam Blackburn, Katherine Harris, Phis Collison, Nate Wedermyer, Paul Werner, Frank Janzen, Dave Crawford, Diane Adamson, Cindy Suenram, Arch Naramore, Boog Highberger, Leslie Soden, Bill Wachspress, John Hachmeister, Grace Peterson, Mike Myers, Sara Minges, Josh Davis

January 2014 Minutes: KT moved, Phil seconded, approval unanimous

Gould Evans: Site plan & Floor plan. Site plan-light grey existing footprint, additions to south and east. Getting rid of portables, art and music added to additions. Great windows, direct access to gym. North side will be 4th and 5th grade, will remain unchanged. 2 classroom addition to south side for Kindergarten, dedicated gym, new dining area, and expanded kitchen to south and east. New entry that feels like walking into living room, community access room, library. Plan for future mural in hallway. LP=learning pocket, these are being incorporated into schools throughout district for study areas, breakout sessions for small groups. Main entry, bus lane same, front side walk too. Parking lot currently north, moved to street parking off of NJ which allows addition of dedicated playground. Will have lower level and upper level playground (timed now so groups don't mix)-one north, one south. On south, play-set moved slightly, garden moved to front. Relocate rain garden, addition of sidewalks connecting all, trees. Parking on NJ will be available for AME on sundays/special events. Grounds on south side of school currently encompass nice trees, history of gathering place for families. Sick tree will be removed, healthy tree will stay. 10th street fence will be rebuilt for access. Outdoor classroom will be moved to south side of building and double as place for parents to gather. Sidewalk added along NJ street, as well as access to the grounds. 6 ft high, black vinyl chain link fence. Drop off and pick up will work as they do now, with exception of early am drop off which will move to NY street. Recycling moves to mandated residential recycling, so large drop off is being phased out-no final date right now. Trash and recycling, short term, can be moved to NJ street. Ground mounted mechanical room changing from the big units to smaller units. Phase of changes: students will stay onsite, 2 classes moved into portable units (art and music will need to move around as needed), new additions to east built first, central portion partitioned off and rebuilt while maintaining access to gym, south classrooms moved and building starts on this portion during school year. Final deadline will be done by fall 2015. May want to add another drive for bigger events, like Yart Sale. Natural light in old copula possible? Not possible due to lots of crossbracing. Will it be restored on outside? Yes. Working with LFTP? No, but emails will be passed along. Discussed grading-city has certain requirements, will do as much with dirt (and not walls) as possible. Breaks in the fence from more places in the neighborhood-could be worked into plan. Will talk further about building materials being used at future meeting, lots of people unhappy with it. Mike Myers, Nancy DeGarmo, and committee members and others from the district can meet to discuss.

Community Village Lawrence: Diane Adamson, fundraiser Sunday March 2 3-6 pm at Crown Toyota Dealership, food & drink & music & auction & KU athletes. Tix \$10 or 2 for \$15, at website, through volunteers, call number on flyer. Village concept=to help people stay in their home as long as possible, catching on across the country. Run by volunteers, raising money to help hire director.

Grocery Store update: KT/David Crawford. Downtown Grocery store project, been meeting since November. Push to put store in old Borders, community outreach has been happening city-wide (north lawrence, old west lawrence have signed letters of support) would like ELNA support as well. Would like local grocer, grocer that would work with local farmers/farmers market. Meeting with city to find out about Request For Proposals this month, better fit than TIF. Lower priced markets are a better fit based on research and demographics of neighborhood. Pam moved for ELNA letter to support neighborhood grocery store, Josh seconded, approval unanimous.

9th & NH update: New 9th & NH building (north project) will be coming up at Planning Commission on Monday, Feb. 24 at 6:30 in City Commission room to determine if it is comprehensive with city plan. Leslie reminded us that when we met about this forever ago, it was important that it not be taller than Hobbs Taylor Lofts-on the skyline. More coming soon.

Dave Lowenstein invited to talk to us tonight about Pollinator's Mural and its future with the building of the the north project. Spencer Museum commissioned work and is interested in keeping it. They have attempted to have meetings with Doug Compton, but it has not happen. Not sure what the future holds.

Traffic update: Josh reports that the street has been closed off with detour signs, they are willing to put in temporary speed bump or close the street in the middle if problems occur. Police have also set up shop and KH reports no problems since.

Mike adds, roof level of parking garage will no longer be free as it was never intended to be free, so more parking may be occurring in the neighborhood.

President's report: Been meeting about the school site plan-where to put murals in the school. Turnhalle clean up occurred, went well. River clean up-Saturday March 8, 8-12 (meet at Santa Fe station), Burroughs Trail Clean up will happen someday soon too. CDBG add your meetings to the list.

VP report: Jacki joining the Bicycle Advisory Board

Treasurer: \$5,208.69 in bank.

Coordinator: Shared info/flyer on AME black history month events. December-lots of new members, 4 lifetime memberships! Website updates, newsletter preplanning, minutes. Feb-newsletter (deadline Feb. 14), PO box fee paid, post minutes.

LAN: Not much, reserved meeting with Farmer re: landlord issue. Send letter to Horizon 2020 to ensure no more buildings over 3 stories downtown.

PC: Pam going.

HRC: Old English Lutheran church (11&NH) on register now.

CC: KT-Naismith Valley Park extended, \$15k from state + \$15k from city to hire cultural director from city, city agreed to pay for 1106 RI for \$114, 500. Public meeting on all the city street projects over the next year this Friday. Tomorrow they are going to hear city engineer asking for approval for KDOT grant to extend trail, go support.

CDAC: Still working on getting there.

NYPTO/Site Council: Minute school is over and teachers are out, construction begins. PTO will help organize a day to help the teachers move out. P/T conferences next Wednesday, bring food to feed 'em. Doing a baked potato bar-bring a topping or a dessert (they love chocolate). Bring to school before 5pm.

Updates/announcements: Mark Thiel coming in March to discuss brick streets. Michael Almon-Sustainability Action Network is looking for members for this summer. Also, announcing the Mothball Your Mower Challenge-STOP MOWING!

Blue Skies Energy Foundation started by Leslie Soden as a way to get energy to low income people.

KT-Eileen Horn said the KS Health Foundation is proving grant money for sidewalks.

KH-longtime neighbor Gilbert Stone passed away on Jan. 21. Lived in the neighborhood for 40 years!

Meeting ended.

Leslie motioned, Pam seconded, unanimous approval.

ELNA Meeting Minutes for 3/3/2014

Introductions.

No Minutes to approve.

Jumped right into presentation from Public Works Assistant Director Mark Thiel and David Cronin. Public Works wants to present a plan to the City Commission that specifically addresses Brick Streets from repair to maintenance to replacement and refurbishing. There has never been a specific line item in the budget for brick, they have always been a part of general street maintenance. Brick streets cost more to work with, therefore brick street anything has generally been low profile. They provided handouts that included a map of what streets are brick and another map that shows the general condition "score" that a street has relative to its physical condition. There was also a general draft of the criterion to be used to determine if a brick street would be repaired, rehabbed or replaced. They asked for feedback to help refine those criteria. Because of the overall cost only a few brick streets will be impacted annually.

It was moved to get a committee together to work with the Lawrence Preservation Alliance (LPA) and have an impact on that criterion, amended to only include ELNA stakeholders. It passed. Committee was Phil, Aaron, Bill and KT. Michael Almon pointed out Complete streets plays a role, as well as the city's bicycle policies.

Most of the bricks the city owns have been sorted out and the remaining are not suitable. The 2100 block of Vermont will be done this summer, and they'll have to buy replacement bricks. The City has been working with a Topeka Vendor to come up with the "Lawrence" style of brick. They think they have done a good job.

ELNA says big thanks to Mark, b/c we recognize the break-through to even have a brick street policy.

Riverfront Cleanup: There will be a cleanup workday this Saturday the 8th at the Riverfront area b/t the Amtrak Station and the river. The City is excited we will be working there. Someone suggested we could "Adopt" that part of the park. We weren't sure of that role. Mike Meyers was spearheading this effort. ELIA and the Omega Group (Omega Kegger folks way back then) were credited with getting the construction easement in place on that stretch of River Shore back then. There was potential for a bonfire on the concrete slab that is a bit of a Lawrence landmark. Someone pranked, "we could be deemed not fit to adopt" in our effort to adopt the park. It was considered to have a more formal discussion about adopting the park. Many hands went up when asked who will be there on the 8th.

Trail update: Our letter efforts as well as many others convinced the city to apply for grants to extend Burroughs Creek (both directions?). There is lots of opportunity for input to the joint DG CNTY and City Multi-modal plans. Mike Meyers has had a big impact on a trail that would connect East Lawrence with Downtown and Pinckney Neighborhood. It was also reported that the City applied for the DG CNTY Heritage Grants to fund Historical Markers along the BCT.

How do we get this comprehensive? There was a meeting to see if we can get an overview of all the grants and the trail scope, including the markers so that we (City entities) can move forward in a thoughtful manner. Bring Artists and Arts into the planning phase for input into phase one (was suggested). We as neighbors sometimes see that input from residents gets lost. Neighbors are the stakeholders.

Committees: Arts Center, Cultural District, Cultural Director. Josh attended these meetings, Eldorado Architects was there – The value that ELNA could bring to these was recognized. Josh says we should send another letter of support to the Heritage Grant for the Cultural District. We'd also like to see the RFP for that. There was a motion to have Josh write the letter of support for grant and it passed. Phil proposed, Bill 2nded it.

9th and NH: There is supposed to be a meeting on April 8th to kickoff the need for a TIF district. We delivered a statement of interest on this building in 2012 that has not been included in the packet. Someone should find it and get it made a part of the packet.

Mural issue: At this time the developer had not met with Spencer and seemed to be avoiding that discussion (although discussions did move forward at some point after this meeting). Something happening the next day at CC meeting.

Yart Sale/fundraising: KH did a budget. This year's CDBG is \$1500 less than last year. We'll run out of money by end of this fiscal year. Need a Yart Sale boomer. Other fundraising opportunities are there. Ticket surcharge. Yart sale committee formed. Chris Sorrentino, Phil C., Lane

Board Special Election: Adam Smith is no longer on the board. Cindy Suenram was nominated and elected.

Reports

Turnhalle: A preservation easement was put on it. LPA's neck is on the line. We think Turnhalle will be a solid and positive thing for 'hood. Aaron wants ELNA to have an impact on the Turnhalle.

Coordinator: New York School Renovation Open house is March 11. A Chinese Restaurant wants to advertise in the newsletter

LAN: Courthouse, Watkins Museum and the Lutheran Church are heading towards the local registry. John and LAN are getting to know each other.

Planning Commission: No report

HRC: Lutheran Church is moving forward for local listing. The National and State environs related review was negated by the state. Only the local triggers a review. The Marables want to buy the Haskell mansion. HRC meetings are lighter b/c there are no state environs reviews.

CC Meeting: Trail Stuff. "Mike Meyers is great!" Spearheading a DG County wide trail effort. CC is looking for way to fill the need for funding sidewalk repairs. There's a Putt Putt Family go kart park in the works out on Clinton Parkway. Community Shelter paid back their loans to the City. Revisiting LED Lighting contract on parking at Rock Chalk park. An independent lighting consultant was hired to do help with Rock Chalk lighting

CDBG: CDAC, We think we may yet get our full grant request. Which is what we got last year.

NY School Site Council: Clean up scheduled for April 12 from 9 to noon. There's a movie being shown. We'll tell them about the Yart Sale.

Arts Center: Joshy says he talked with Susan Tatne and Ben Ahlvers. They are applying for an Artspace grant. Due in April. Wants a letter of support for an unknown plan. He'll keep in touch about this. The grant requires a "Deep engagement with the Neighbors" The charette for 9th street corridor never happened. But, this grant will have an impact on what happens on 9th street.

Horizon 202 update: John reached out to all 44 neighborhood associations. Hitting active N.A.'s. LAN meeting is same night as Zoning Appeals, so he has to choose which one to attend. John asked for transparency. Video is provided for each meeting. They will look at what was recommended in the plan and compare it to what really happened per development and ponder on that. Inclusion: Some N.A.'s feel left out of the process. Are we inclusive or exclusive? There are opportunities for improvement. Focus on being good neighbors. The most active neighborhoods are the ones closest to non-congruent uses. This will be a regular agenda item.

Announcements: Sarah M stated that April is National Child Abuse Awareness Month and shared ways to contribute. Joe Bickford found a tape of a Harry Puckett oral history.

Meeting adjourned!

Submitted by Phil Collison.

ELNA Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2014 at NY Elementary

In attendance:

Christine Kosiog, Katherine Harris, Phil Collison, Leslie Soden, Cindy Suenram, Brenda Nunez, Pam Blackburn, KT Walsh, Eric Jay, Jacki Becker, Aaron Paden, Bill Wachspress, Erik Wolf, Kelli Dillion, Melissa Fraire, Marium Zanir, Frank Janzen, Matt Klienmanns, Chris Sorrentino, Nick Brown, Boog Highberger, Josh Davis

No minutes approval this month. Moved to next month.

Better Block presentation: Matt Kleinmann, Professor of Architecture at KU. Looking at service-based learning projects. Better Block is a grassroots organization using an inclusive, community-based approach. Looked at Cultural Arts commission meeting notes on community directions and desires for the Cultural Arts district. Will include research and installations along the 9th street corridor. No official affiliation, instead a community engagement visioning process. Betterblock.org for examples across the nation. Organization uses donated materials and volunteers. Ideas include: temporary lending library, food trucks, temporary bike land installation, parklet with pedestrian friendly space (parking spot turned public space). Deadline is April 25, 6pm-10pm, final Friday. Ideas suggested by ELNA include talking to Charlie's Bar, St. Luke's AME, Lawrence Fruit Tree Project, Matt Burke (pocket libraries at KU), Lawrence Creates, KS food truck festival on May 10, Million Cups talks at Cider Gallery, keep elderly in thier homes who can't afford to fix up thier homes (Matt brought up Historic Green as a possible resource for us), covered bus stop at hospital and homeless shelter. #bblawrence, neighborly, better block lawrence on FB.

Nick Brown, Cosmic Beauty School: Collective residence, placemaking, social networking in real life-applied for DGCO Heritage Grant and would like us to provide support in the form of a letter. Want to redo the east side of the building.

Budget report & fundraising brainstorm/committee creation: CDBG funds going down, so the budget was reviewed to see where we are at. See attached. Need to do some fundraising. More KVKL concessions (4 if we have enough volunteers), also adding \$\$\$ to tix sales at Granada, newsletter advertising, are some ideas. Committee-Aaron, Christine, Josh will help with walking of newsletter, Eric, Jacki, and Chris.

Use restrictions for tax districts: Leslie-went to LAN first, ELNA second. Wondering our thoughts on creation of categorical structures that would not allow certain types of businesses in TIFF districts, like the Oread Hotel. Discussion ensued about how this could be a slippery slope, although the idea is a good one. Maybe it should be brought back to state/city laws. Zoning is also an issue in that no more liquor licenses can be given in downtown Mass, that happend in the 90s. So really Lawrence has done a really good job of that.

Brick street follow up: Leslie, Phil and Aaron met. Phil sent an email to Mark Thiel, see attached. He would like to request a letter of support from ELNA saying the same. Public input is so import in this because the squeaky wheel will get the action. Phil will send out the 4 points from letter to the board and with approval will create a letter and send to the city. 16 miles of brick, residential streets exist which, with good training and maintenance could last for 60-70 years.

History on web page: (Phil) Dave Evans and Mark Caplan are teaming up and will start doing an article for ELNA news. Phil will also help Dave to put the info on the history tab of the website.

Riverfront clean up: (Aaron) Unfortunately, our efforts were cut short due to a tragedy. Since that time, however, Mike Myers has been talking with people about turning that area into a serious trailhead. KT agreed and will attempt to talk to Schumm in order to get all parties to call a meeting. Josh added that he is also working to have the stone structure preserved as part of his work.

Presidents Report: Pollinator's mural will be presented tomorrow at CC meeting. Spencer commissioned the work so they have spearheaded ideas on what to do with it. Art Place update, Josh was at the meeting today, and they had their interview. Treanor North update (aaron) meeting date in progress. Recycle bins at NYE (aaron) taken away during construction, curbside coming October. Any ideas where they could be put until curbside goes in? Tony's properties.

Vice-President Report: No updates

Treasurer Report: Checking balance \$5,687.76

Coordinator Report: Lane absent this evening, but lots going on. Newsletter deadline is this Friday!!!! May/June newsletter will be yart pics/thanks, clean up pics/thanks, NYE recycling moving, Dave Evans piece, HCHC block party, change of trash pick up dates. Josh added to Yart Sale update-ELNA gifted all the LPA money raised at Yart Sale, specific amount to be determined by Josh. Leslie moved, Sara seconded, motion unanimous.

KT moved that we send the letter of support for the cosmic beauty school to the county, Phil seconded. Josh added that we already sent a letter of support to this for the city and LAC for signage in cultural district. Motion unanimous.

LAN: Brenda, not much to report. Farmer and Riourdon were there talking about rental licensing.

She also talked to the Garcia girls about the sewers and they have been trying to get the money together to fix the sewer line, but have not been able to because it is \$7000. Brainstormed other ideas in the community. Pam shared her experience in talking with the utilities company, Dave Larned/Dave Akin are also good options, Josh also

explained it may be a good idea for the neighbor across the alley to look at thier sewer as well. No emergency city funds for sewer problems.
Community Village fundraiser is April 27 at 3pm.

PC: no update

HRC: Modernize preservation language in Horizon 2020 document. No update on 1106 RI. Treanor is updating old shirt company, World company is paying for it. Invite sent out to the KU prof who wants to put Langston Hughes signs all over the neighborhood.

CC: Tomorrow night. VanGo mural on city bus, north lawrence small grocery store north of Franks, city will start a phone survey about concerns re: Horizon 2020, rental registration passed.

Josh added-traffic lane will be gone until the end of the year. This will be on the agenda tomorrow as well.

CDAC: Pam filled out volunteer form, waiting for mayor to review application. Phil suggested Pam also sign up for agenda's on city website.

New York PTO/Site Council: Clean up 8-11am

Arts Center: No update

Horizon 20/20: No update

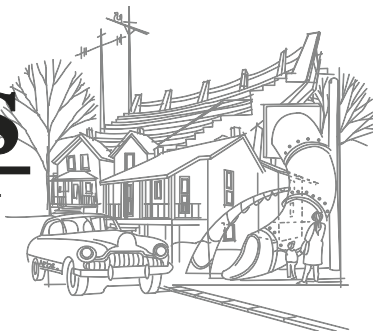
Updates: none

End of meeting? Who motioned, who seconded?

East Lawrence News

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March 2014



ELNA

General Meeting

Monday, Mar 3rd, 7-9pm

New York School Library

Agenda:

- ⇒ Spring Clean Up details
- ⇒ YART Sale Planning
- ⇒ Brick Streets with Mark Theil

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Come To the YART Sale!

Come one, come all, to the annual ELNA YART (yard/art) Sale! This year's sale will be, **Saturday, March 29th, 8am-2pm, in the New York School Gym.** The YART sale is ELNA's annual fundraiser, where neighbors donate their gently used items to sell, local artists vend their creations, and we are all entertained by our neighborhood musicians. The PTO will again be selling plants for your gardens and breakfast foods.

The YART sale is always a great place to mingle with neighbors and find treasures – we hope you will join us!

AND we need your help to make the event a success.

Here's what you can do to take part in this neighborhood event:

VOLUNTEER – Let's make this a whole neighborhood event! We need volunteers! Volunteer to set up (on Friday, Mar. 28th, 5:30-9pm), take down/clean up (Saturday, Mar. 29st @ 1pm), help organize and work at the event. Contact Lane, eastlawrence@yahoo.com, if you can volunteer.

Donate Your Gently Used Items - Please consider donating your gently used items for this event. You can either plan to bring items to the school the evening before (we will be setting up from 5:30-9pm on Friday), or you can put them in KT's barn (located in the alley behind 732 Rhode Island).

Sell Your Art – We are putting out a call for artists (you will be asked to donate 10% of your earnings to ELNA and bring your own table). Contact Lane at eastlawrence@yahoo.com if you would like to vend.

Play Your Music – Are you a musician looking for a venue? If you would like to play, contact Phil Collison at phil@collison.com or Aaron Paden at aaronpaden@mac.com .

Plan to Come! – The YART Sale is ELNA's big fundraiser for the year. Please plan to come and support us and the work we do for the community!

New and Returning Members December, January 2014

Kitty Tinsman

David Whitaker

Wyatt Whitaker

James A Slough

Andrew & Maggie Shank

Kristii Adrian

Penn St Community Gardens

Matt & Michelle Needham

Janice Melland

John, Erica, & Zoe Gascon

Brenda Nunez

Inbody family

Boog Highberger

Andrew Frye

Sara Minges

Tom Genereaux

Melinda Henderson

Patty Boyer

Sarah Rooney & Ben

Jenn & Jim Martin

Amanda Schwegler

Marianne Melling

Jessica Anderson &

Cody Alley

Mary & Mike Alexander

Vice President's Letter

Hi East Lawrence Neighborhood President Aaron Paden, asked me to fill in for him this issue and talk about something that is very dear to my heart. Biking. Recently, ELNA wrote a letter of support for the City of Lawrence to apply for the KDOT Transportation Enhancement Grant. If approved, this Kansas Department of Transportation grant would continue the expansion of the Burroughs Creek trail further to the north, connecting Hobbs Park, nearby New York Elementary school, the Amtrak station, Van Go Mobile Arts, the Kansas River, Downtown Lawrence, the Pinkney neighborhood, all the way through to Constant Park. (See attached map for details.) If the city receives this grant, the expanded trail would be of great benefit to our children, visitors, bicycle commuters, and the entire Lawrence Community. Connectivity is what makes a city great, and extending the Burroughs trail through the entire east Lawrence neighborhood into the Pinckney neighborhood would have many positive outcomes for many people.

In addition to expressing my love of biking by being excited about the extension of the Burroughs trail, I also have been elected to the Lawrence and Douglas County Bicycle Advisory Board. This three-year position meets monthly to discuss the future of bicycling in our city and county. If any of you fine Eastsiders have ideas or suggestions to improve our streets and paths for the bimodal, feel free to give me a shout.

If you are currently saying, wow id like to get more involved in City groups, task forces and organizations, you can always check out the lawrenceks.org website. There you'll find a never-ending list of organizations, boards, committees, and groups looking for volunteers. Get involved meet new people and represent for the East Side.

"Town Talk" writer Chad Lawhorn, of The Lawrence Journal World recently declared that this is the decade of East Lawrence. While I might agree with that statement, the truth is that East Lawrence has always worked hard to preserve our vibrant historic and long standing beauty, and that things have always been active on the east side.

Xo, Jacki

New York School Expansion Update

Exciting changes are coming to a school very near you: thanks to the bond issue passed by the citizens of Lawrence last April, new educational and play spaces are coming soon to New York Elementary. Construction will begin this summer and wrap up before the start of the 2015 school year.

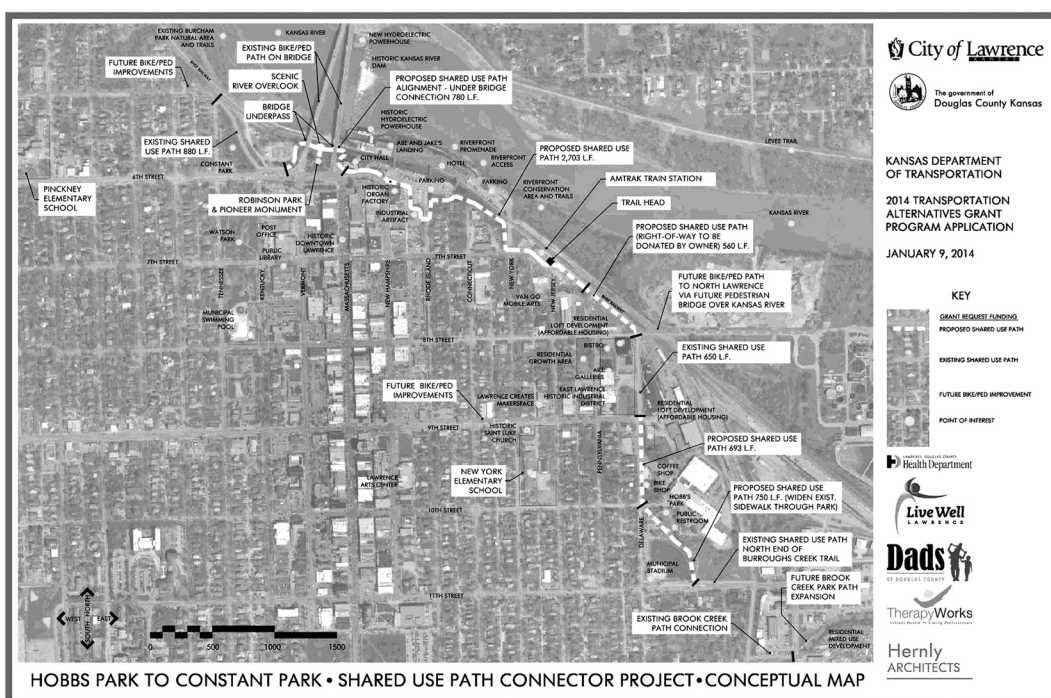
A small addition to the south (10th Street) side of the school will become home to a pair of kindergarten classrooms. An addition east of the library will house a dedicated dining area and kitchen. The new dining area will also serve as an instructional area and space for community meetings. Improvements will be made throughout the building to improve its energy efficiency.

The portable classroom unit to the north of the existing school, by St. Luke AME, will be removed from the site next summer. Taking its place will be new play equipment for older students and an asphalt play surface that will do double duty as overflow parking for school events and for the church on Sundays. Teachers will park on new angled parking off New Jersey Street. The music and art rooms, which are currently housed in the portable unit, will find new homes in an addition that will infill the courtyard between the main school and the gymnasium.

School will stay in session throughout the construction. By building as much "new" as practical before starting renovations to the existing facilities, and scheduling most of the renovation work for the summer of '15, our goal is to keep things as close to "business as usual" for the students as possible.

Throughout the design process we've been working with the school district, Principal DeGarmo, and a committee of

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Downtown Grocery Store

Support is growing for a downtown grocery store in the former Borders Bookstore location at 700 New Hampshire. An online petition drive, spearheaded by the group Lawrence for a Downtown Grocery, has collected more than 500 signatures. (The Lawrence Public Library is expected to vacate the space this summer.)

An affordable grocery store in this location would strengthen East Lawrence and the other neighborhoods adjacent to downtown. It would especially serve the needs of low-and-moderate-income, elderly, and disabled residents in these areas. It would reduce fuel consumption for grocery shopping. It would also provide a retail anchor that strengthens downtown as a retail center that serves Lawrence's central-city neighborhoods, and would reduce pressure to make downtown Lawrence primarily an entertainment district.

The group believes that the Borders building is the right size for a discount food outlet similar to those operated by the Aldi and Save-A-Lot chains. With plenty of off-street parking, a built-in loading dock, and a high traffic count on the adjacent streets, it meets all of the requirements for this type of store.

Our immediate goals are these: 1) To line up support for a downtown grocery store among neighborhood groups, business groups, city advisory groups, and city officials. 2) To be ready with economic/demographic data that supports the case for success of a downtown grocery store. 3) To contact grocery retailers who might be interested in opening an affordable store in the Borders location. 4) To make sure they have all the information and contacts they need to make an informed decision. We think that if they have the right data, it

will support a decision to locate a store in downtown Lawrence.

The online petitions will be presented to the City Commission, if Lawrence for a Downtown Grocery needs the support of the City, and to any grocery store companies that may be interested at the appropriate time. The results of the petition drive will also be given to the press to demonstrate the high level of support. We think that this outpouring of support will help convince the City Commission to act (if necessary), and will also help convince a grocery store company to locate here.

The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association voted to support this proposal at its general membership meeting on February 3. In addition, the Old West Lawrence Association, the North Lawrence Improvement Association, and the Brook Creek Neighborhood Association have all gone on record supporting the proposal, and requesting that the City of Lawrence take an active role in bringing it to fruition. The Pinckney Neighborhood Association will consider the proposal at their meeting February 15.

For more information, and to find the link to the petition, visit the Downtown Lawrence Grocery Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/DTGrocery/>.

Thanks for your support! We're optimistic that, together, we can make this happen.

Contact: David Crawford
Chairperson, Lawrence for a Downtown Grocery
Phone (785) 218-4279
Dcraw4d@hotmail.com

Saunny Scott Update

Back in early January, ELNA board members played a pivotal role in opening a donation account to assist longtime neighbor and advocate, Saunny Scott. Saunny is at risk of losing the home she has lived in for 30+ years, raising 4 children there, all with disabilities, and has redone the home to suit the needs of those now-adult children. In addition, Saunny is a longtime advocate for all Lawrence citizens in very real ways -- helping to improve accessibility for people with disabilities, successfully working to encourage the city bus to run at night, as well as being instrumental in the beginning of Lawrence Community Shelter.

I read the story in the LJWorld and immediately sent an email out to fellow ELNA board members. In no time at all, personal donations flooded in to raise the money needed by Saunny's friends to open a donation account. Three months later, Saunny is still working to advocate for all of us, and the account is still open and taking donations. Please visit any Douglas County Bank location and let them know you'd like to make a donation for Saunny Scott. All the tellers know what to do.

Thanks East Lawrence.

Christine Kosirog

River Clean Up and East Lawrence Work Day

This year, ELNA's pet clean up project will focus on cleaning up the riverfront area adjacent to our neighborhood. The purpose of the river cleanup is to bring neighborhood folks together so we can enjoy each other's company and make new acquaintances while we do some community service. The riverfront was chosen because it is a place where many in the neighborhood don't go for one reason or another. It isn't particularly inviting right now but it gets plenty of traffic from those who don't care to clean up after themselves.

The riverfront is one of the most important assets of our neighborhood and we would like to show as many neighbors as possible what a lovely natural area it is so that we might begin to take notice, enjoy it and become better stewards of it.

The planned work day is March 8th from 8am to noon. The event is rain or shine with no alternate day planned. If there is much snow on the ground it will be cancelled and resched-

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East Lawrence has New Community Gardens

In 2011 and 2012 the locally based non-profit, Sustainability Action Network, Inc. established two new community gardens in East Lawrence. SAN leased the properties through the City of Lawrence's Common Ground Program. These gardens were created to serve the local neighborhoods and address issues of food security in low income areas of Lawrence. Our goal is to produce local food, re-localize our source of food and build community by teaching its members basic gardening skills.

Both gardens are located on the 1300 block of Pennsylvania Street. The first called the Penn Street garden is an allotment garden, where members individually lease 100 – 200 sq ft plots that they tend and manage during the year. The other garden is called the PermaCommons garden was designed and created based on a Permaculture theme and design principles.

The PermaCommons is a unique garden with a layout and function which were designed by a group of permaculture students, and its infrastructure built 2012 by KU students and volunteers from the community. The garden design consists of raised keyhole beds, three small swales, a rain barrel water catchment system and a rain garden. The plan for growing our own food is based on the permaculture principles where a polyculture mixture of annuals and perennial fruits, nuts, berries and vegetables with a blend of herbs and flowers to attract beneficial insects and pollinators.

Members of the garden work together as a collective, sharing the work, its bounty and management. The gardeners generally meet each week for a work and harvest day. The produce is equally divided amongst members present and any excess donated to local food pantries or the LINK kitchen. Last year ten active members harvested 580 lbs of produce and 340 was donated. In order to cultivate gardening skills we pair experienced gardeners and novices together. We also offer various workshops throughout the season, ranging from composting to canning and an introduction to permaculture.

The SAN Pennsylvania Street gardens are kicking off their 2014 garden membership drive. The 1313 Penn St. allotment garden has a few vacancies at this time. The PermaCommons garden has greater opportunities to accommodate new and less experienced gardeners. For information regarding membership application or volunteering, please contact either Michael Almon at paradigm@ixks.com, 785-832-1300; or Steve Moring at moringse@gmail.com, 785-691-7305.

Fruit Trees in East Lawrence

Skyler Adamson, Lawrence Fruit Tree Project Coordinator

Lawrence Community Orchard (LCO) is entering its third year this March! If you haven't yet visited the orchard you are missing out on an East Lawrence treasure: a free food park, built by us for us. You will have an opportunity to tour the orchard on Saturday, March 22nd at 10am. Get to know some familiar, as well as less common tree crops. Stick around for the season's first workday featuring snacks and good company. Later in the season we will be offering grafting *and* botany classes.

LCO is a demonstration of our capacity to grow food locally, while having fun *and* building community. Low maintenance tree crops are a great way to strengthen our local food system in a time of climate disruption and peak oil. Imagine a neighborhood, or better yet a whole city, growing the majority of its own tree fruits and nuts! Everyone joining in to plant a tree, nurture it, and harvest its rewards. Lawrence would be designated not only as a Tree City USA, but as a "Fruit Tree City USA"! It is possible, but we need lots of back yard orchardists planting and stewarding appropriately selected trees. We need a Parks department that plants productive trees in appropriate locations in Parks and right of ways. There is no good reason not to grow food on trees in the city. Join with Lawrence Fruit Tree Project to make this edible cityscape a reality.

Have you been meaning to plant a productive tree for years but didn't quite know how, which tree to plant, or where to buy it? Lawrence Fruit Tree Project wants to help you get off to a good start with your tree planting. Write us an email if you've got questions. If you would like to volunteer at LCO, you can sign up for emails announcing monthly work days and events. You can subscribe online at lawrencefruittreeproject.wordpress.com. We also will gladly accept material or monetary donation to help us continue our work. Look online at our wish list.

To get to LCO from Massachusetts St, go East on 13th to Delaware. Turn south and go half a block to Garfield. Take Garfield east to its end. LCO is on the north side of the street. Email lawrencefruittreeproject@gmail.com for more information.

Did you know you can get fresh, organic produce straight from the farm, just minutes away?

Common Harvest CSA

vegetable subscription serves East Lawrence with an on-farm pick-up site near 11th and Haskell.

Sign-up now for our May-October 2014 season.

Details at: commonharvestcsa.com

New York School Garden

The New York Elementary Garden will return! We will be moving the location of the garden to the front of the building. Our hope is to save the raised beds we have and build a few more. This year (and forevermore) we are partnering with the Junior Master Gardeners through Boys and Girls Club at New York. We will be having garden club two times each week, both on Tuesday at 3:00pm for kids who are not in Boys and Girls club and 4:00pm for those who are in Boys and Girls Club. We are in need of garden leaders who will help lead garden club at 3:00pm. All lesson materials (usually 10 minutes in length) and gardening tools and resources will be given to you. Samantha Saltz (1st Grade Teacher) will be there at all Garden Club meetings to help lead as well. You do not need to have children at our school to participate in this garden club or help lead. Our hope is that this garden is also part of the East Lawrence Community. Please contact Samantha Saltz via email ssaltz@usd497.org to help out.

Central Garden

Central Garden at Liberty Memorial Central Middle School will be kicking off the 2014 growing season! Our first work day will be On March 15 from 10a-12p. We will also have 2 other Saturday work days, March 29 & April 12 from 10a-12p.

Central Garden Club officially starts March 25 and students will be gardening Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Anyone who wants to hang out and play in the dirt is always more than welcome; the more the merrier. For those who want to support the garden but are unable to donate time, we can always use money, tools, or plant donations. Our seed and starter needs are: tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, lettuces, radishes, carrots, herbs, corn, peas, beans, peppers and flowers. All of the produce grown in the school garden goes into our school cafeteria for the spring and fall. The produce grown over the summer is sold Cottin's Farmers' Market during summer as a way to raise funds to sustain the garden.

If you have questions about Central Garden, please feel free to contact Laura Leonard at lleonard@usd497.org.



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2014 Compost & Woodchip Sale

This year the City of Lawrence will hold the following compost and woodchip sale at the City's Wood Recovery and Composting Facility located at 1420 E. 11th Street, which is east of 11th and Haskell Avenue, over the railroad tracks. The compost and woodchips are not intended for commercial applications, but rather for the citizens of Lawrence.

NO dump truck quantities. For residential use only.

COMPOST & WOODCHIP SALE - SELF LOAD ONLY

Every Saturday, March - mid-December, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Compost and woodchips are for SELF LOAD ONLY. Self-loading pick-up truck or trailer loads will be \$10 per load and small quantities will be free. CASH only. Please bring a shovel. This sale will be during scheduled brush drop-off hours.

COMPOST & WOODCHIP SALE EVENT

- Thursday, March 27, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 28, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 29, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The city will load by tractor into pick-up trucks and trailers. The city cannot load trucks with ladder racks. Patrons are asked to bring a tarp for their pickup to secure the woodchips, preventing them from littering the roadway as they drive from the facility. The cost of the compost and woodchips will be \$10 per bucket load, which is equivalent to 2 cubic yards. CASH only.

For more information on the compost or woodchip sale, please call (785) 832-3030.

ELNA Garden Equipment for Rent

Spring is coming and ELNA can help you get your garden and yard ready for planting and mowing. Rent our tiller for \$20 per half day, or the mower for \$10 per half day. For those of you with smaller yards there is also a manual push reel mower available. Contact Phil Collison at 785-843-8098 or phil@collison.com to make an appointment. Please be prepared to provide your own transportation for the equipment. The price of these has gone up, but we think they are still a good bargain. Scholarships are available. No commercial vendors, please.

ELNA is on Facebook!

Like our fan page at <http://www.facebook.com/eastlawrence> and look for updates regarding neighborhood events.

We have a Twitter too!

Get your neighborhood news short and sweet. Follow us, ELNAks, on Twitter.

Community Village Lawrence Fundraiser

Join us for the first annual spring fundraiser for Community Village Lawrence!

A Trip Down Memory Lane: 1969 Orange Bowl Revival, will be held on March 2nd from 3:00-6:00 p.m. at the Crown Toyota Showroom, 3430 Iowa St.

Attendees will enjoy a colorful afternoon of hors d'œuvres, silent and live auctions, a photo booth, exciting premiums, and live entertainment. The special guest for the A Trip Down Memory Lane is Bobby Douglass, a former University of Kansas quarterback and All American who led the University of Kansas football team to the 1969 Orange Bowl, and continued on to play in the NFL.

The event coincides with the launch of our free sample service launch, offering Telephone Reassurance, Fire Safety, and Home Safety Programs, which will support the independence and safety of Lawrence residents who wish to age in their own homes. This fundraiser will support the launch of our full Village program in summer 2014 with a vetted volunteer network to assist members at home, a vetted and discounted service provider list for member referrals, and a membership network to support social interaction and community development.

For more information, please visit our website: www.communityvillagelawrence.org or contact AmeriCorps Vista Fellows Allison at 785-505-0188 or Kris at 785-505-0187, e-mail info@communityvillagelawrence.org.

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A Note from New York PTO

Hello ELNA friends –

My name is Joanna Bonee, and this past school year I have had the privilege of being President of the PTO at New York Elementary school. New York Elementary recently hosted our annual community Martin Luther King Jr. Chili Feed. I would like to thank everyone who attended, helped serve, clean, or donated vegetarian chili and dessert! We served nearly 320 people, and we love seeing all the friends and neighbors coming together to celebrate Dr. King's legacy. So much of what we do is a group effort and wouldn't be possible without lots of extra help.

We are always in need of new volunteers and love seeing new faces! We have an exciting future ahead for our school thanks to the passing of the school bond. However, this also means we have a lot of work ahead of us to prepare for this transition. We are having our spring clean up / work day on April 12th from 9:00 to noon. In addition to taking care of some much needed work around the outside of the school building, we will also be assisting teachers in the lounge and classrooms with packing and storing items before construction begins. As always, PTO will provide bagels and coffee for our hardworking friends. If you would like to help out with this event then stop on by, we'd LOVE to have you. Thanks again for supporting our amazing, little school!

Contact me, Joanna, with your questions jjbonee@yahoo.com.

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teachers and neighbors to develop a design that brings the educational spaces inside New York into the 21st century while fitting in well with the surrounding neighborhood. We're getting close to finalizing the design, and we'll be scheduling a neighborhood meeting in the next few weeks to share the latest plans and drawings of the additions. We'll be sending letters announcing the time to those neighbors closest to the school, and we'll ask Lane to include a note in the Thursday ELNA e-mail to make sure the broader neighborhood is invited.

Jonathan (Jay) Holley, Architect at Gould Evans & Neighbor at Pennsylvania Street

jonathan.holley@gouldevans.com, 785-842-3800

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uled for later in the spring. Meet at the Santa Fe Station at 8am. ELNA will provide trash bags and bagels and coffee for the early risers. Be sure to wear sturdy shoes and gloves if you want them.

Questions to Mike Myers mike@hernly.com

www.eastlawrence.com

New York Students Collect School History

This last January, New York School 4th graders interviewed some of the attendees to the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Chili Feed. They collected a lot of interesting information from about 20 individuals. Many former and current New York students and staff shared their thoughts about New York Elementary. Some participants shared stories about East Lawrence neighbor Shelly Miller, her active role in the neighborhood, and New York's own Shelly Miller Memorial Kitchen. Others told current students about New York School in the 1960s. It was even more diverse then than it is now, they said. Then, they said, the majority of students at New York were Hispanic or Black, and white students were the minority. One person mentioned the "new" gym, which prompted a student to say, "What do you mean new gym?" The person explained that the library used to be the gym before the "new" gym was built in the 1990s.

Students enjoyed hearing about their school and appreciate all those that took the time to talk to them.

It is the goal of the project to create a New York Elementary history project movie soon. If you would like to contribute a story or artifact, please contact Nancy DeGarmo, New York School Principal, for more information.



Dear East Lawrence Residents,

It's been estimated that one in ten people suffers from alcoholism/addiction and that every alcoholic or addict affects the life of an average of 10 people closest to them. That means that almost everyone has had their life impacted in a subpar way by alcoholism and/or addiction.

Lawrence Alano Recovery Group Etc. (LARGE) is a local not-for-profit organization that has the sole aim of helping those people affected by it, with our facilities located right here in East Lawrence, at 311 E 9th St. LARGE houses almost 20 Alcoholics Anonymous meetings every week, has monthly all you can eat pancake or biscuits and gravy feeds, can host game nights, movie nights, parties, or other events, and provides a safe a friendly environment for individuals to come and enjoy some coffee and talk to others, whether it be getting advice or just a friendly conversation about the weather. We hope to soon be adding the benefits for providing a place for persons to work off community service and hosting alcoholism and addiction workshops, classes, and lectures.

In order to continue to provide these benefits for the Lawrence, Kansas community and its population, we are in need of monthly dues paying members such as the wonderful residents of East Lawrence that are always looking for ways to help enhance the lives of individuals within their community and the prosperity of the community as a whole. We here at LARGE are convinced there is no better way to spend \$10 a month and get so much warm-hearted feeling inside than to become a member of LARGE.

Anyone interested in becoming a member or having questions is welcome to visit us at 311 E 9th St or can call Matt Farmer at 785-393-2489. We look forward to hearing from you and adding you as a new member to the Lawrence Alano Recovery Group Etc.

Sincerely, Matt Farmer

March and April 2014

March

- 2nd – 3pm to 6pm, Community Village Lawrence Fundraiser, 3430 Iowa
- 3rd – 7pm to 9pm, ELNA monthly meeting, NY School Library
- 8th – 8am to Noon, ELNA River Clean Up, meet at Santa Fe Depot, 7th and NY St
- 13th 14th – No School, MS and HS, USD 497
- 15th – 10am to Noon, LMCMS Garden Workday, 1400 Mass St
- 17th – 21st – Spring Break USD 497
- 22nd – 10am, Lawrence Fruit Tree Project Workday, 13th and Garfield
- 25th – LMCMS Garden official beginning, after school Tuesdays and Thursdays
- 25th – 6:30pm, Free Film "We Were Children", NY School gym, 932 NY St
- 27th 28th 29th -- 8am to 3pm, City Mulch and Woodchip Sale, 1420 E 11th
- 28th – 5:30pm to 9pm, Yart Sale Set Up, NY School gym, 932 NY St
- 29th – 8am to 2pm, Yart Sale, NY School gym, 932 New York St
- 29th – 10am to Noon, LMCMS Garden Workday, 1400 Mass St

April

- 7th – 7pm to 9pm, ELNA Meeting, NY School library, 932 NY St
- 12th – 9am to Noon, NY School Clean Up, 932 NY St
- 12th – 10am to Noon, LMCMS Garden Workday, 1400 Mass St.

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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 "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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- ___ 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: _____