

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 2nd</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>yes</u>
	Meeting Date #1	<u>March 2nd</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>yes</u>
	Meeting Date #1	<u>April 6th</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>		

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.

ELNA Minutes – February 02, 2015

Present: KT Walsh, Brenda Nunez, Cindy Suenram, Arch Naramore, Gotfred Beardshear, Cynthia Trask, Alicia Kelly, Kim McKeever, Patrick Reuter, Alex Wofrum, Mike Myers, Dave Evans, Bill Wachspress, Justin Kreikemeier, Aaron Paden, Eric Jay, Dave Loewenstein, Lane Eisenbart, Jacki Becker, Phil Collison, Sara Minges, KH, Scott Trettel, James C Dunn, Christine Kosirog, Frank Janzen

Meeting called to order by Aaron Paden. Minutes reviewed and corrected for December 2014 and January 2015. KT moved the minutes be accepted as revised. Cindy Suenram seconded. Minutes were approved as revised. Board members were reminded to record all meetings attended and record the information on meeting list being passed.

Master students at KU Studio 804 talked about their project at 1301 New York. They are building a sustainable house to be completed by mid-may. The house will be a net zero house and have passive standards. There will be an open house at graduation. Students are looking for pictures of the original house at the site. Studio804.com is their website.

9th st Corridor Project. The initial meeting schedules are being set. KT talked about asking for emails and other documentation about the project through the Kansas Open Records Act. Some names of individual contributors have been redacted. Gotfred has also asked for documentation on the project and been told the information had been archived and no longer available.

The application to Art Place detailed all financial grants and donations. This information has not been available to the general public.

Fee and Scope has now been approved for el dorado. Josh Shelton has said there will be one public meeting a month for 5 months. Lane reported the Director of Arts & Culture position closed for applications today.

Dennis Domer spoke about the differences between a Historic Overlay and a Conservation Overlay. Historic overlays have more oversight and trigger HRC review. Any changes to buildings within the area must submit drawing elevations. It was thought that grants were available for low income home owners to comply. Conservation overlays are driven by city codes and community development.

Alicia Kelly spoke on the Intersection Repair project. The intersection selected is 10th & New Jersey. There will be construction at the school through the fall. Alecia asked ELNA for a Letter of Support to be added to their grant. Dave moved to submit a letter of support. KT seconded. Grant deadline is March 23.

Carma Hop. Jennie O'Brien asked for suggestions for an East Lawrence pickup location. Decade was agreed upon.

President's Report. 1501 Pennsylvania. Phil moved for a letter of support and Cindy S seconded.

Vice President's Report. The Hobbs Field scoreboard has not been approved yet by the HRC. They plan on selling t-shirts for the additional funding needed.

Bicycle Advisory. A singular bike lane has been added to 11th St from Connecticut to Haskell. This is a shared line system. In order to have a dedicated lane, parking on 11th would need to be removed.

Treasurer. KH reported there is \$3286.04 in the bank. Will be getting back \$2313 in re-imbursements. KH was reviewing the Paypal statement and finding some oddities. Lane and KH will further investigate.

Coordinator. In January, Lane did work on the web site and membership form. There have been some cryptic emails received about unsubscribing from the lists but Lane is unable to determine who sent the email. As a result there is only one obvious place to request unsubscribing from the group. Newsletter deadline is 2/13. Discussion followed whether to accept ads from the primary candidates.

Businesses have asked about a life time membership to ELNA.

Yart sale will be 3/28 in the NY gym.

Mike Myers suggested instead of a river clean up in the spring to rediscover an East Lawrence sidewalk. The sidewalk dig will be 4/11 starting at 8 am. We will meet at 7th & NY. Bring shovels, trowels, pry bars and wheel barrels.

LAN. Brenda reported cars are being stolen as people leave keys in the cars while running. Police are asking everyone to stay with their vehicles while running.

HRC. Parks and Recs wants to tear down the Stone Holding Vault Crypt in the cemetery.

Arts Center. Free State Festival is planning street closures. Music will be in the 9th st. parking lot and be acoustic. A call for artists has gone out. it was moved by KT to have KH be the official ELNA representative to this group. Cindy S seconded. Motion passed.

2020. Downtown remains stable. There have been indications there is movement to expand downtown into East Lawrence via 9th St. North Lawrence is adding zoning to create an Arts center behind Johnny's.

It was moved by Jay to adjourn. Jackie seconded. Meeting was adjourned

ELNA Minutes – March 02, 2015

Present: Brenda Nunez, Cindy Suenram, Arch Naramore, Leslie Soden, KT Walsh, Ginger Chance; Jill Ensley, Jan Schaake, Stan Rasmussen, Dennis Domer, Brenna Buchanan, Molly Krause, Frank Janzen, Gotfred Beardshear, Cynthia Trask, Bill Wachspress, Jeff Stolz, Dave Crawford, John A. Gascon, Dakota Loomis, John Sebelius, David Evans, Louis Wigen-Toccalino, Emily Peterson, Patrick Watkins, Matt Pryor, John Naramore, Judy Romero, Kate Rogge, Robert Krause, Phil Collison, Josh Davis, Lane Eisenbart, Nicholas Ward, Christine Kosirog, Dave Loewenstein, KH, Sara Minges, Aaron Paden, KT Walsh, Susan Tate

Meeting called to order by Aaron Paden. Minutes of February meeting were not available for review/approval.

Sunrise Garden : Melissa Friberg spoke about the groups purchase of the former garden center on 15th. They are partnering with Central Soy Foods to purchase the land. Offer is out and accepted and contingent on rezoning and fundraising the organizers have until mid-june to raise \$250,000.

9th ST: Dennis Domer spoke about conservation overlays vs Historic Districts. Conservation overlays are determined by the neighbor. Generally these are restrictions/regulations that are important to the neighborhood. Typical provisions set rules on lot size, pitch of roof, parking locations, trees, height of buildings. Historic District is determined by local, state and federal regulations. Examples in east Lawrence are the north/south Rhode Island St and the Industrial District at Pohler. Historical Districts must be at least 50 years old, have landscape features such as brick streets, brick sidewalks, horse tieups, limestone curbs. These are significant to the place and industry.

9th St CAC members representing ELNA are Phil Collison, Dave Loewenstein, and John Sebelius.

Alicia Kelly Intersection Repair: intersection chosen is 10th & New Jersey. First design meeting will be at the Percolator. The planned implementation will be in the fall following the completion of construction at the NY Elementary School.

Free State Festival: KH reported that the festival will be June 22 thru 28.

SSL update: it has been noted that prices have risen significantly at SSL. Jeanne Anne has stepped down due to an ill partner.

Vice President. Safe Routes meeting on 3/25. The Hobbs Park scoreboard was passed by the HRC. ELNA has been offered 4 Sundays for concessions.

Coordinator reported activities for the month including the newsletter, yard sale planning, history tabs and overlay. Lane reported \$200 was collected on political ads. She brought the question of lifetime business memberships as there have been multiple inquiries. There will be an adjusted scale for neighborhood nonprofits, neighborhood businesses, out of neighborhood businesses.

Planning Commission: the planned bistro around 8th & Pennsylvania is being brought up again. The developer has asked for an exemption on the 55% food rule, basically asking there be no minimum percentage on food sales. There are also questions on the bistro's hours. It is expected that the developer wants later open hours. KH suggests the letter be rewritten asking for time restrictions and food restrictions.

HRC: 5th & New Jersey, AMC have been added to the local registry. The Quonset Hut decision has been delayed. Black Hills must explain why they want to tear it down.

ELNA Minutes – April 06, 2015

Present: Jesse Camleton, Dayna Carleton, Hank Guarisco, Dory Tuininga, Jeff Stolz, John Sebelius, Kake Doraran, Judy Romero, James Dunn, Matt Pryor, Gotfred Beardshear, Brenda Nunez, KH, KT Walsh, Dave Loewenstein, Lane Eisenbart, Phil Collison, Eric Jay, Arch Naramore, Cindy Suenram, Jesse Brubaker, Frank Janzen, Christine Kosirog, Patrick Watkins, Josh Davis, Mike Myers, Dave Evans, Susan Earle, Aaron Paden, Pam Blackburn

Meeting called to order by Aaron Paden. Minutes of February meeting were reviewed and approved with no changes. Moved by Phil and Dave seconded. March minutes were not available.

Susan Earle of the Spenser Art Museum reported that the Pollinators mural is to be recreated at the same site by Dave Loewenstein. Size will be 15x48. It will be in the center of the wall at street level. It is hoped to have lighting and a bench.

Jake Dorman of KU American History department spoke their project to commemorate the life of Lanston Hughes around the significant locations in Lawrence. There are hoped to be 20 -3 35 sites. Jake and his students are talking to the neighborhood groups of these locations. Plaques will be 4 ft x 2 ft and made of hard plastic. The final product will be approved by the city. Jake asked for a letter of support from ELNA. Pam moved and KT seconded for ELNA to write a letter of support. Motion passed. Phil will write the letter before 4/21.

Jeff Stolz of VanGo explained the purpose of the organization. It is to help youth facing barriers find successful employment. Youth ages 18-21 are paid to make art work and also given social support and training to help with job placement. At the conclusion of the program, they work an internship for 8 weeks. Jeff is looking for businesses willing to offer internships. A federal grant pays for 20 hrs/week for 8 weeks (June/July).

Jesse Brubaker of The Burroughs at Silverback spoke of their upcoming changes at 19th and Burrough Creek Trail. They are building a Cultural Civic and Event space at the site. It will be available for rentals.

Upcoming meeting on the 9th street corridor project were announced.

Treasurer reported there is \$6602.48 in checking account.

Coordinator reported activities for the month including Yart Sale thank yous, Yart Sale, website updates. Asked for suggestions for summer meeting locations. She asked about donating to the Lawrence Humane Society in honor of Ed. Josh Davis moved ELNA donate \$100. Dave seconded. Motion passed.

LAN: There is expected to be a Horizon 2020 update in May. It was reported that the city considers the new rental inspection program a success. 1947 units have been inspected so far. With few exceptions, issues uncovered were quickly corrected.

CBCG: it has been reported that funding for neighborhood coordinators may be in jeopardy next year (that is the year summer 2016 – summer 2017).

HRC: The demo permit for Black Hills Energy's Quonset Hut was denied. Pachamama's design was reviewed and rejected.

NY Elementary PTO made \$1000 at the Chipotle fundraiser.

Meeting adjourned.

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March 2015



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 28th, 8am-2pm, in the New York School Gym.** Yes, yes! the YART Sale WILL be at New York School in spite of the construction. 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 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 – We need volunteers! Volunteer to set up (on Friday, Mar. 27th, 5:30-9pm), take down/clean up (Saturday, Mar. 28th @ 1pm), and to help organize and work at the event.

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 email Lane for details on where you can drop off your items ahead of time.

Sell Your Art – Do you make stuff? Do you sell the stuff you make? Well! Why not sell at the YART Sale?! Vendors are asked to donate 10% of earnings to ELNA and bring their own table.

Play Your Music – Are you a musician looking for a venue? Playing for your neighbors at the YART Sale is nice and chill, and it may be just the place for you to make some beautiful music.

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

One neighbor's trash is another neighbor's treasure!

New & Renewing Members

December/January 2015

Katherine Harris and Irene Tsuneta
Trettel DesignBuild Inc
Dave Loewenstein
Sarah Bishop
Stacy Galloway Haywood
Lawrence Arts Center
Jennifer Brown
Eric, Josie, Harper, and Wren Jay
Jill Ensley
Louis Schmitt and Rica Silvey
Tenants to Homeowners Inc
Kate Rogge
Brenda Nunez
Leslie and Tim VonHolten

Cottin's Hardware
Teresa Dixon
Paul and Uma Outka
Ryan McAdoo and Ransom Jabara
James C Dunn
John Sebelius
Frank Janzen
Judy Romero
Virginia Romero
Ramon Romero Jr
Tony Romero
Lupe Romero Kosa
Mike Romero
Ashton Martin
Emily Peterson

ELNA

General Meeting

Monday, Jan. 5th, 7-9pm

New York School Library

Agenda:

- ⇒ Sunrise Project
- ⇒ E 9th Street Project Update
- ⇒ YART Sale Planning

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From the President

Hello, neighbors. It is a strange thing to sit and write a letter to you several weeks before you will get it. I'm writing this letter mid-February. It's snowed for three days in a row, and it is 5 degrees out and dropping. And yet, I have to write this letter to you knowing you won't read it until almost March. I hope we catch a few more warm days by then and we see each other out and about giving us a chance to catch up. But, just in case we don't meet out riding our bikes or walking our dogs, here's what I've got to tell you about.

First, the YART Sale is coming up! It really is one of the best things we do as a neighborhood. It's just our style – rummaging through what's been discarded, and finding beauty and utility in a found object. Plus, we get to hang out all together for a while, in our very favorite school, listening to the music our friends and neighbors make. And, did you know, with the proceeds of the YART Sale, we usually fund some small community projects? In the past, YART Sale grants have helped to fund everything from a new computer for the Social Service League to supplemental classroom materials for some New York second graders. We fell on some hard times financially last year, and we weren't able to pass out any grants, but things are looking up this year, and we look forward to hearing about all the fantastic projects you all are cooking up and seeking funding for. So! Be sure to collect your gently used and unique items to donate to the YART Sale, and come and shop the sale on Saturday March 28th. A good cause for a good time.

Another good thing I'd like to remind you all of is the Primary Election on March 3rd and the General Election on April 7th. In this election, you'll have the opportunity to vote to narrow the candidate field of City Commission and School Board. I'm sure you can find plenty of information to make your ballot decisions in local news sources and voting advocacy groups. Voting is important, in any election, but your vote carries the greatest weight in your own city. Your vote really does make a difference, so be sure to cast it!

And though there are so many things we could talk about right now, I don't want to miss this opportunity to pass on some information about the 9th St Corridor Project. As I'm writing this to-

Update on Proposed Intersection Repair on 10th and New Jersey

The first design meeting for the Intersection Repair project is set for Wednesday March 4th at 7 pm at the Percolator. This is your chance to put your ideas towards a community mural!! Please bring your ideas, sketches and questions! This is going to be a general meeting to start compiling ideas and what symbols/icons/designs the neighborhood wants to represent, the first of a series of 3-4 design meetings.

We are currently in the process of applying for the Cultural Arts Commission Community Grant and are also searching out other grant opportunities.

Katy Clagett (katy.clagett@gmail.com) is now on board as a working promoter with this project, she will be setting up meetings and gathering information for the project! Please give her a warm welcome!

Want to be apart of this project? Want to know more? Questions? Please contact Alicia Kelly at akellyit@gmail.com

day, the selected design team, el dorado inc, is not under official contract with the City for the project and although it isn't official I would like to share with you a few salient points:

1. The 9th street project is underway and the City and el dorado are very close to an executed contract for design and engineering services.
2. A 9th street Citizens Advisory Committee is in the process of being assembled. (Discussion of who the citizens on this committee will be is ongoing. Please do share your thoughts with me if you have input on the matter.) The CAC will meet with the City and the Design team on a monthly basis, and provide vital information and feedback for the project as it progresses through the design phases. The first CAC meeting is still being scheduled, but is anticipated to take place in late March. The design team will be working immediately with the CAC to determine a Statement of Values for the 9th street project.
3. Currently April looks to be a busy month for 9th street workshops. Three public workshops are tentatively scheduled to take place during April, each focusing on a specific design aspect of the 9th street project. The first will focus on Complete Street Design and sustainable landscaping/ infrastructure design strategies. The second will focus on the role public art might play along the corridor. The third will focus on the importance of history in the project, specifically the history of East Lawrence. The workshops will value public input a great deal and I hope they will be well attended. Dates for the workshops will be finalized in the next few weeks.
4. Overall, the design phase of the project (the one the design team will be soon under contract for) will stretch from February to October.
5. A new Director of Arts and Culture is yet to be appointed, but he or she will be earnestly integrated into the process at whatever point this person comes in.

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East Lawrence Sidewalk Archeology Day Returns!

Back by popular demand, on April 11th from 8:00 until Noon ELNA will host another East Lawrence Sidewalk Archeology Day.

This is the day when we come together to discover an historic brick sidewalk that has been buried by time and soil. April 11th is also the day Lawrence celebrates earth day with a parade and an event in South Park. We thought it fitting that we schedule our brick sidewalk cleanup on a day when we celebrate the earth – there will be dirt.

There are no special skills needed to participate. We will meet at the southeast corner of 7th and New York at 8:00 am. Please bring your work gloves, sturdy shoes and a shovel, broom, wheelbarrow, bucket or any other tool that might be used to help dig, sweep and haul soil from our buried brick sidewalk. By the end of the morning you will have helped create a brand new historic brick sidewalk where one does not apparently exist – for sure a rewarding endeavor.

ELNA will supply coffee and doughnuts for the early risers. Water will be available or bring your own. Bring family and friends to celebrate the earth and the history of East Lawrence pedestrian infrastructure.

Mike Myers, Project Coordinator 785-218-2636

Shimomura Crossing the Delaware

by Lane Eisenbart with Dave Evans, Phil Collison and Mark Kaplan

What if George Washington had been Asian American? Would it change your ideas about Asian Americans? About Washington? About American patriotism? What wouldn't it change?

The alternate universe where in George Washington was an Asian American we may never know, but we do know that Shimomura really did cross the Delaware. Roger Shimomura did cross Delaware *Street* anyway. He must have at some point, because he lived on Delaware Street for nearly twenty years.

Roger Shimomura was a Professor of Visual Art at KU, from 1969 to 2004. He is now retired from teaching but continues to create from his studio home on Lawrence's west side. But, for some twenty odd years, Roger Shimomura lived and worked in East Lawrence from his studio at 1019 Delaware. Neighbor Mark Kaplan reflects on that summer in 1977 when Shimomura first bought the lot on Delaware Street.

Mark Kaplan - Tue, Dec 23, 2014

"Shimomura bought that lot next door to me from Mr. Puckett, in the early summer of 1977. I wanted that lot myself, of course -- and have kicked myself for almost 40 years for not doing something. Harry [Puckett], standing with me on its southern edge, in June of '77, just days after I closed on my own place, told me he'd sell it to me for \$900. About \$3500 in today's dollars. I was about to go up north with Susie Hanna, my girlfriend, on a road trip. No one had built much of anything in East Lawrence since before WWII, and I figured that lot would sit there empty for eternity. Puckett told me that there had been a small frame dwelling there, perhaps before he got title,

where a blind woman lived, who died in a fire there. I came back from our road trip, to find the largest Hackberry, that had been in the center of the lot, lying on the ground in back -- and footings dug for the perimeter of the new studio. I was freaked, and really disappointed -- but consoled myself with the fact that someone was making a new investment in a lot in East Lawrence that was to be taken by eminent domain, for the Haskell Loop, like my own place. We'd just buried the Loop once and for all the previous year -- and it's resuscitation was widely promised at city hall, where they were still hell-bent on leveling the 'hood."

Over 90 museums, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, have acquired Shimomura's artwork for their permanent collections. And much of that art was produced between the years 1977 and 1995 while he lived in a one-room studio, the lot purchased and the structure built on a \$30,000 mortgage, at 1019 Delaware.

So, next time you're crossing Delaware Street, headed for a coffee at Decade or kickball practice at Hobbs, take a moment to think about this place, as has been in years past. As it was when an old blind woman whose name is lost to memory lived and died tragically here. As it was in 1977, under threat of eminent domain but sold for an appreciably small sum. Or as it might be now if George Washington had crossed the Delaware under the power of nine Asian American rowers.

"Shimomura Crossing the Delaware" is printed with the permission of, and many thanks and healthy toenail wishes to, Roger Shimomura.



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Primary Election March 3rd, General Election April 7th



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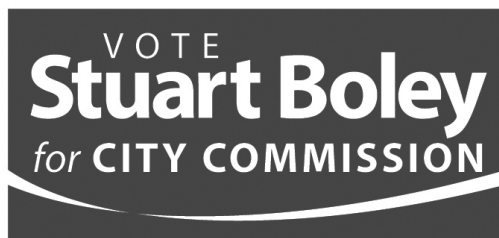
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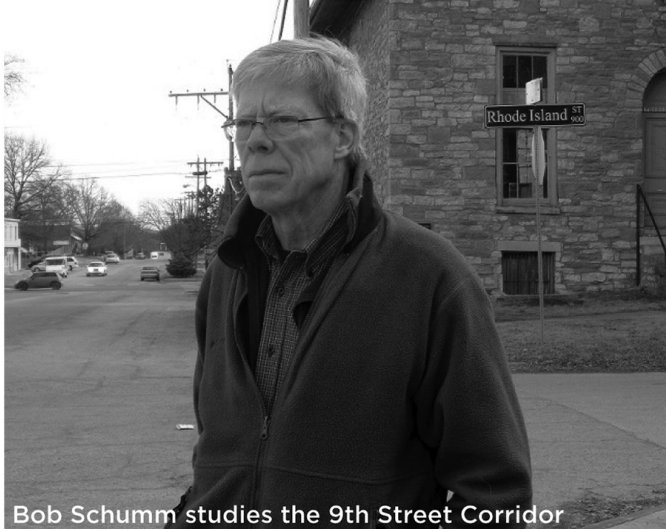
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March 3 - Vote for Bob Schumm



Bob Schumm studies the 9th Street Corridor

“I want East Lawrence to have strong representation along with all the stakeholders in order to reach community consensus while planning the new arts corridor.

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What does the Lawrence City Commission do?

That's a good question!

From the City of Lawrence website:

https://www.lawrenceks.org/city_commission

- The City Commission consists of five officials elected at large.
- Three City Commissioners are up for election every two years. The two top vote-getters win four-year terms, and the third place finisher wins a two-year term. In that way, a majority of the commission can be replaced in any election. No term limits exist.
- The City Commission elects a Mayor and Vice-Mayor annually at the first meeting in April in even numbered years and at the second meeting in April in odd numbered years.
- The City Commission passes resolutions and ordinances, establishes policies for the City, approves the budget and hires the City Manager.
- The City of Lawrence is a member city of the League of Kansas Municipalities and the National League of Cities. The city does not employ lobbyists to lobby specifically on the city's behalf. The city pays annual dues of approximately \$24,000 to the League of Kansas Municipalities and \$7,600 to the National League of Cities (dues based on population). The city's annual vendor payments can be found online.
- For more information, contact the City Manager's Office.

Current information on City Commission meeting dates and times, agendas, and even contact information for your commissioners can be found at the city site listed above.

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6. There have been many separate conversations about conservation overlays, historic overlays, and historic districts as part of the 9th street project. We will discuss this at the next ELNA meeting with Dennis Domer who has already done a good deal of research on the history of East Lawrence.

That's all for now. See you soon, friends! Happy Spring!

Aaron Paden – ELNA President

Get Out and Vote, East Lawrence!

Lawrence City and School General Elections will be held April 7th, 2015. Items up for vote include Lawrence City Commission and the Lawrence School Board.

Primary Election Tuesday March 3rd: Because more than six candidates have filed to run for City Commission, a primary will be held Tuesday March 3rd. Polling places will be open from 7am to 7pm, as usual. The City Commission candidate roster will be narrowed from 14 candidates to just six. More information on the candidate conundrum can be found at the Douglas County Clerk's office and the Lawrence Journal World.

Candidates for your consideration for the City Commission in the Primary Election:

Stan Rasmussen	David Crawford
Matthew Herbert	Kristie Adair
Stuart Boley	Gary W. Williams
Leslie Soden	Rob Sands
Justin R. Priest	Terry Riordan
Mike Anderson	Cori Viola
Bob Schumm	Gregory C. Robinson

General Elections April 7th:

The public will vote for 3 open slots on the City Commission, of the 6 candidates chosen in the Primary, plus a school Board in the General Election.

Candidates for your consideration for the School Board:

At-Large 4 Year Term:

Rick Ingram	Bob Byers
Shannon Kimball	Jessica Beeson
Lindsey A. Frye	Jill Fincher
Ronald H Gordon-Ross	

Unexpired 2 Year Term:

Marcel J. Harmon	Mary L. Loveland
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Make Sure You're Registered!

To vote in the Lawrence City and School General Elections on April 7th, you must be registered by March 17th. To register you must be a U.S. citizen and a resident of the state of Kansas, have reached the age of 18 years before the election, and not imprisoned, or paroled. You can find an application to register at the Douglas County Clerk's office, 1100 Massachusetts St., Level 1, or at the state of Kansas website <https://www.kdor.org/voterregistration/Default.aspx>. Once your registration has been processed, the county clerk's office will mail you a registration card with your precinct and voting place on the card.

Not sure if you're registered? You can check that too on the County Clerk's Office website: <http://www.douglascountyks.org/services/residents/voting-and-elections>. All you'll need is your name and date of birth to search their database. You can even check your voting history! Did you make it out to the last election? Check and see!

Vote!

FYI, parts of East Lawrence falls into precincts 33, 35, 39, and 40. Voting places for these precincts are Liberty Memorial Central Middle School, the East Lawrence Rec Center, the Cider Gallery (temporarily instead of New York School), and Trinity Lutheran Church. Not sure which polling place to go to? You can check that along with your registration on the Douglas County Clerk website.

All polling places are open 7am to 7pm, making it easy to fit your civic duty into your day. You can even bring your children

Serve on an Advisory Board!

The following groups have vacancies for citizens interested in volunteering their time and opinions. Visit the City of Lawrence website to learn more about each position and to find out who to contact if you'd like to volunteer your time. Your neighborhood thanks you for your service!

Community Development Advisory Committee:

One vacancy for a position that expired 09/30/14 and one vacancy for a position that expired 09/30/15. Both positions are designated for low/mod areas.

Contractor Licensing Board:

One vacancy for a position that expires 12/31/17. Three additional positions expired 12/31/14, with one position eligible for reappointment. Eligibility requirements exist for this board.

Electrical Code Board of Appeals:

One vacancy for a position that expired 03/31/14 and one vacancy for a position that expires 03/31/15. One additional position expires 03/31/15 and is not eligible for reappointment. Eligibility requirements exist for this board.

Fire Code Board of Appeals:

Two positions expire 01/31/15 and both are eligible for reappointment to additional terms.

Historic Resources Commission:

Two positions expire 03/01/15, with one position eligible for reappointment and one position not eligible for reappointment. Eligibility requirements exist for this board.

Human Relations Commission:

Two vacancies for positions that expired 09/30/14 and one vacancy for a position that expires 09/30/15.

Lawrence Alliance:

Three current vacancies for one position that expired 11/30/14 and two positions that expire 11/30/15. Five additional positions expired 11/30/14 and are all eligible for reappointment to additional terms.

Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission:

Three positions expire 01/31/15 and are eligible for reappointment to additional terms.

Lawrence Citizens Advisory Board:

Three positions expire 03/01/15, with two positions eligible for reappointment and one position is not eligible for reappointment.

Lawrence Douglas County Advocacy Council on Aging:

One vacancy for a position that expired 12/31/14. Four additional positions expired 12/31/14 and all are eligible for reappointment to additional terms.

Mechanical Board of Appeals:

One vacancy for a position that expired 03/31/14. Two additional positions expire 03/31/15 and both are eligible for reappointment to additional terms. Eligibility requirements exist for this board.

Plumbing Code Board of Appeals:

One vacancy for a position that expired 04/30/14. One additional position expires 04/30/15 and is not eligible for reappointment. Eligibility requirements exist for this board.

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CarmaHop

Why do we all drive around with 3 or 4 empty seats in our cars? Isn't that a ridiculous waste of resources?

Introducing CarmaHop, the easy, green and neighborly way to get around Lawrence. CarmaHop looks a little like hitchhiking, only safer, smarter and more reliable. Registered riders go to a safe roadside location, write their destination on the CarmaHop folding dry erase board, and then get a ride with a willing driver who is going their way. Riders use a smartphone app to record the trip, and drivers can win a \$20 gas card!

How you can participate;

If you are driving, you can pick up CarmaHop riders going your way. Just give them your cell phone number to record the trip (don't worry—we don't sell those numbers!) and drop them off at their destination. Your rider will thank you and so will the planet! You can contact Community Manager Jenny O'Brien for a window cling to show that you're willing to drive. Riders can download CarmaHop from the App Store or Google Play. Make an account and we will get you set up with a board and everything else you need to get going. We'll even help you take a first trip. And everyone can help by suggesting locations for stops in East Lawrence. We're identifying and testing a number of them to put on the in-app map, and we'd love to hear your ideas.

CarmaHop officially (and legally!) launched in October and we've logged over 300 trips. So why don't you see Hoppers all over the roads? Because our average wait time is astonishingly short — it averages around 7 minutes. For more information, see www.carmahop.com or www.facebook.com/carmahop or email us at jenny.obrien@car.ma or call 785-856-2272.

Let's work together to make Lawrence a leader in sustainable transportation and make better use of our resources.

Jenny O'Brien
Community Manager
CarmaHop



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Community Garden News

The Eastside community garden is looking for a few good gardeners to be part of our community garden which has been up and running for 15+ years. We are located at 905 Pennsylvania St. Every year, we have a few plots available. So for a small fee and commitment to a few garden work days a season, you can grow your own organic tomatoes, potatoes, herbs or what ever else strikes your fancy. If you are interested contact:

Rhonda at roja@sbcglobal.net, 785 841 6850, or Cindy at ozdog@sunflower.com.

The community garden at 1313 Pennsylvania Street is accepting applications to lease garden plots for the 2015 season too. Only a few are available, so act quickly! Plots are 10'X20' or 13'X15' and cost \$50 for the year. Water, compost, and mulch are provided to gardeners free of charge. Please contact Adam Weigel by email for more information at adampatrickweigel@gmail.com.

Gardening in your yard? You can rent the ELNA tiller or mower for a small fee and make that yard work a little easier. Rent the lawn mower for \$10 per half day. Please be prepared to provide your own transportation. Contact Heather at (785) 830-9085. Text preferred. You can also rent the ELNA tiller. \$20 per half day. Contact Phil 785-843-8098 phil@collison.com— call, text, or email.

Safe Routes for All Town Hall

The Lawrence Pedestrian Coalition is hosting a "Safe Routes for All Town Hall" on Wednesday, March 25, at Liberty Hall in downtown, Lawrence from 7-9pm and would like to invite the East Lawrence neighbors. Through the event we intend to demonstrate that safe bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure is not a niche issue. Improved bike and pedestrian transportation infrastructure is important in Lawrence for safety, health, equity and the economy.

This event will include a presentation by, Robert Ping, a national expert from Walkable and Livable Communities Institute, and a panel of regional experts that are working to improve bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in their communities. City commissioners, city commission candidates, and city staff are invited to attend the event. City commission candidates will have three minutes to share their vision for a more walkable, bikable Lawrence. The public will have the opportunity to ask questions of city commission candidates.

With questions about this event, you may contact Bicycle Advisory Committee member and ELNA Board member Jacki Becker jackioh@uptoeleven.com.

www.eastlawrence.com

Jan/ Feb Newsletter Omissions

The following items were mistakenly omitted from the January February newsletter:

- Please add Brad Gibson and Linda Lips to the list of neighbors who pitched in to help with the River Clean Up. They didn't sign in, but they hauled out a lot of trash and worked hard! Thank you Brad and Linda!
- Board Member Jacki Becker would like clear up any misconception among her neighbors regarding her interview. The song Jacki would rock as hard as possible is none other than "Welcome to the Jungle" by Guns N' Roses. She will "continue to sing welcome to the jungle with all the rampage and fervor it gave me as a teen."
- Adopt a Family Thanks
The boundless generosity of East Lawrence neighbors has once again been proven with the 2014 ELNA Adopt a Family project. Thank you, friends and neighbors, for your contributions to adopt an East Lawrence family for the holidays. We were able to provide several wonderful gifts to our family including toys, clothes, and art supplies for the children, clothes and gas cards for the parents, and even a box of diapers for the little one on the way. ELNA, and no doubt the receiving family, thanks you for your kindness.

Also, please see KT Walsh's Board Member Interview on this page.

Advisory Boards *continued from page 7*

Public Health Board:

Two positions expire 03/31/15. One position is eligible for reappointment. The other position is a joint city/county appointment and is not eligible for reappointment to an additional term.

Public Library Board:

Two positions expire 04/30/15 and both are eligible for reappointment.

Public Transit Advisory Committee:

One vacancy for a position that expired 12/31/14.

Sister Cities Advisory Board:

Four vacancies for positions that expired 12/31/14. One additional position expired 12/31/14 and is eligible for reappointment to additional terms. One vacancy for a position that expires 12/31/15.

Sustainability Advisory Board:

Two vacancies for positions that expire 12/31/16.

Traffic Safety Commission:

Three positions expire 04/30/15 and all are eligible for reappointment to additional terms.



KT Walsh

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? 39 years about

How long have you been on the ELNA Board? Off and on since I moved here.

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? It's fun. I am constantly learning more and more

about the history, the GREAT East Lawrence people, and how the political process works in our community. I like the wacky humor among board members too.

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

Our YART Sale and Block Party, working on zoning changes to match actual uses, and protecting us from land barons.

If you could learn to sing/play any song, like really rock it, what song would it be? Professor Longhair's version of "She Walk Right In"

Get Out and Vote! *continued from page 7*

if you must, so don't let that be an obstacle. Consider it a teaching moment, and show your children how important voting is!

Be sure to bring a valid, government issued photo ID with you. Some valid ID documents are: driver's license or nondriver's ID card issued by Kansas or another state, U.S. passport, concealed carry of handgun license issued by Kansas or another state, U.S. military ID, employee badge or ID document issued by a government office, student ID issued by an accredited Kansas postsecondary educational institution, or public assistance ID card issued by a government office. If you do not have a government issued ID card, you can get one at the County Clerk's office. They can create for you a photo ID valid for voting purposes. Contact the Clerk's office at 832-5167 for more information.

Advance Voting:

If you can't make it to the polls April 7th, you have advance voting options.

In person advance voting for the General Election is scheduled at the County Courthouse, except as noted:

Wednesday-Friday, March 18-20	8am - 5pm
Monday-Friday, March 23-27	8am - 5pm
Monday-Friday, March 30-April 3	8am - 5pm
Saturday, April 4	9am - 1pm
Monday, April 6	8am - 12pm

Election Day: April 7, 2015 -- Polls Open 7am - 7pm

The results of this Spring General Election directly affect the quality of life in your community. It's important. Register. Vote. Make your opinion heard. Show the city that East Lawrence votes!

Sources:

Office of the County Clerk http://www.douglas-county.com/depts/cl/ve/ve_home.aspx,

State of Kansas Office of the Secretary <http://www.sos.ks.gov/>

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Support us. Let us support you.

\$1.00 for in-neighborhood individuals \$5.00 for out-of-neighborhood individuals
\$10.00 for in-neighborhood non-profit entities \$20.00 for in-neighborhood businesses
\$100.00 lifetime individual membership

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Address: _____

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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 contacted about being a BlockHead—a contact person for your block in the event of emergency or issue.
- 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.

Send this form and your check payable to ELNA to:
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*Plus! Visit ELNA's website for information on *new* tshirts and merchandise!
Click the paypal button to donate securely there!*

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: _____