

Quarterly Neighborhood Performance Report - Quarter One (August-October) Due Nov. 10

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Each Neighborhood is required to have at least quarterly meetings. (minutes must be attached.)	Meeting Date #1	<u>August 3rd</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>Yes</u>
	Meeting Date #2	<u>September 7th</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>Yes</u>
	Meeting Date #3	<u>October 5th</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>No - coming</u>

How was the neighborhood notified of the meeting(s)? (check all that apply)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> email	<u>Thursday enews</u>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> newsletter	<u>Paper Newsletter</u>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other announcement? (please specify)	<u>Facebook, Website, Twitter</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>July/August</u>	Copy Attached?	<u>Yes</u>
		<u>Sept/October</u>	(required)	<u>Yes</u>

East Lawrence Neighborhood Block Party - September 26th - 400 people - Notified via newsletter, email, Facebook, website and twitter
RIVER CLEANUP - October 3rd - 30 people attended - notified via newsletter, email, facebook, website...

Also to be attached: _____

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

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

ELNA Minutes – August 03, 2015

Present: Josh Davis, Josh & Amanda Davis, Michael Almon, Simon & Cody Bates, Christine Kosirog, Rachael Perry, Jennifer Brown, Charlotte Pessoni, Thom Weik; Katherine Simmons, Marc Epard, John Sebelius, Jesse Jones, Frank Janzen, Nick Carswell, Katy Clagett; Alicia Kelly, KH, Miganou Cackler, Arch Naramore, Cindy Suenram, KT Walsh, Sara Minges, Cameron & Rachel Hartford, Dave Loewenstein, Brenda Nunez, Lane Eisenbart, Nicki Proudfoot, Mike Myers, Gotfred Beardshear, Peter & Dayna Carleton, Charles Blanc, Josh Shelton, Derek Porter, Zia, Tristan Surtees, Porter Arneill, Jim Woodfull, Jarrett Mellenbruch, Dennis Domer

Meeting called to order by Josh Davis. June & July minutes were reviewed and approved.

Rachel Hartford of Heartland Community Health Services talked about the recent move of the group from 7th & New York to by the hospital at 4th & Maine (346 Maine Suite 150). They now have 5 medical providers and needed more space. The group believes in Holistic care to include preventive care, mental health/behavioral (with Bert Nash) with same day/next day appointments. They focus on accessibility and affordability. She encouraged everyone to attend their block party on 8/8 in South Park.

Jesse Jones of Social Services League came to talk about his role as the manager after 3 months. His background is in nonprofit management. SSL's mission was written in 1911. They are trying to modernize while still helping people. They have a new voucher program to track items. The group gives away 50% of the items. For those wanting to help, they are needing regular volunteers. Also, there is a need for nonperishable food item for the homeless.

The East 9th St project came to introduce the chosen artist to the community. There will be a reception on 8/5 at Lawrence Creates. Each of the artists gave a brief background of their work.

Alicia & Katy presented the final design of the intersection repair project. The intersection will be cleaned and power washed before the painting weekend.

A discussion was held about the Bistro project. The noise level has been reduced to 50 ft. Outside music will end by 9 pm.

Proposed changes to the bylaws were reviewed.

KH's job as treasurer has expired (in July) and was not reviewed. Arch Nominated KH as treasurer for another year. KT seconded. It was passed.

Dave & John reported on recent meeting on the East 9th St project. It has been reiterated that it is not intended for the area to become an entertainment district.

President's Report was given by Josh Davis. He wanted to recognize all the great work done by Aaron in the position.

Coordinator's report: deadline is 8/15 for any notices for the next newsletter. There have been a lot of memberships to process.

Planning : Dog Biscuit into building at 11th & Penn passed.

HRC: plans for 739 NY house were reviewed. There were concerns about the height of the building.

Other news: City has bought the Amtrac station. Gotfred will be painting a mural on the corrugated building at 9th & Delaware. The mural will cover 3 sides of the building,

Meeting was adjourned.

ELNA Minutes – September 08, 2015

Present: Lane Eisenbart, Kt Walsh, Brenda Nuenez, Dave Loewenstein, Joshua & Amanda Davis, Christine Kosirog, Jacki Becker, Matt Lord, Arch Naramore, Cindy Suenram, Phil Collison, Aaron Paden, KH, Michael Almon, Tom Hearndon, Janet Good, Marc Epard, Mark Simpson, Josh Davis, Pat Watkins, John Sebelius, Codi Bates, Porter Arneill, Mike Myers, Mick Palmer, Chris Lempa, Amber Hansen, Susan Tate, Emilly Hill, Katy Clagett, Alicia Kelly, John Naramore, Tom Patchen, Aria Williams, Jarrett Mellenbruch, Mike Riehm, John Waters, Nicolette Proudfoot, Suzan Hampton, Judy Romero, Frank Janzen, Pam Blackburn

Meeting called to order by Aaron Paden. No minutes available for review.

Intersection Repair event has been delayed until spring.

Matt Lord from the Percolator discussed the Capital upgrade grant given to them. It is a matching funds grant and they have 40 days using Kickstarter to match the grant. The monies will be used to upgrade the hanging facility, painting and update the garden area.

The Brewery group talked about their plans to house a production craft brewery at 826 Penn. There will be an open house 9/15 to talk about their plans. There are also plans to have a small restaurant/pub on the premises. They intend to abide by the 55% rule and to close on weekends by 9 pm and midnight on weekends.

Josh Shelton of the East 9th St project presented a visual plan for the street, including renderings of the street layout. The plan is to narrow the driving part of the street and add some nonlinear lines to it. They plan to use concrete pavers for the street as they are easier to ride bikes on and are more durable than brick. Fiber optics will be buried.

The changes to the bylaws were reviewed. The main changes revolved around further clarifying the election process. KH moved to approve the bylaws as amended. Jackie seconded. Passed by membership.

President's report: Aaron thanked Lane for keeping up with all the notifications.

Vice President's report: trying to get Bike racks for downtown. There are some issues about where they should be placed. Concern about losing either parking or sidewalk space.

Treasurer's report: \$5469.56 balance currently.

Coordinator's report: Block party planning. Lane asked for help with asking for raffle donations. More merchandise is needing to be ordered. Phil moved that up to \$800 be spent. Pam seconded. Motion passed.

Other: This year's Studio 804 house is at 12th & Penn. CDAC: Aaron to talk to the neighborhood representative. HRC: concern about vernicle small houses across the city being lost.

Meeting was adjourned.

ELNA Minutes – October 05, 2015

Present: Eric Jay, Brenda Nuenez, Kt Walsh, Codi Bates, Josh & Amanda Davis, Pat Watkins, John Sebilus, Mike Anderson, Porter Arneill, Marlo Angell, Katy Clagett, Diane Fry, Sarah Bishop, Kent Fry, Mark Simpson, Joshua Spence, Bill Wachspress, Marc Epard, John W. Madeline O'Brien, Robert Krause, Frank Janzen, KH Harris, John Craig, Michael Almon, Serena Pearson, Bob Nugent, Joe Bickford, Linda Lips, Bruce Eggers, Boog Highberger, Susan Tate, Richard Renner, Amber Hansen, Nicholas Ward, Nicolette Proudfoot, Jesus Chavez, Mark Francis, Tiffany Francis, Carl Masters, John Gascon, Cindy Suenram, Christine Kosirog, Aaron Paden, Matt Pryor, Josh F Davis, Lane Eisenbart, Phil Collison, Pam Blackburn

Meeting called to order by Aaron Paden. August & September minutes were available for review. Phil moved to accept minutes. KT seconded. Minutes were approved.

Bob Nugent from Lawrence Transit spoke. There has been a 156% increase in ridership, highest in the state of Kansas. Success is due to coordination between KU and the city. East Lawrence is served by the Route 1 Loop. This route has seen a 90% increase in ridership over the last 5 years. Lawrence Transit is looking for other ways to serve East Lawrence & Brook Creek.

For the past 2.5 years, they have been trying to agree on a location for a transit center. This is now adrift. 21st & Stewart was not approved. 925 Iowa (behind Merc) has a private owner who refused the idea of a transit center on the property. Currently exploring the option of a Central District on the KU campus.

The following members gave their intention to run for the ELNA board at the November elections.

Mike Anderson	Bruce Eggars	Carl Masters
Cody Bates	Mark Francis	Aaron Paden
Jackie Becker	Kent Fry	Matt Pryor
Pam Blackburn	John Gascon	John Sebilus
Phil Collison	KH Harris	Cindy Suernam
Amanda Davis	Eric Jay	Kt Walsh
Joshua F Davis (Penn)	Christina Kosirog	Patrick Watkins
Josh Davis (NY)	Robert Krause	

Susan Tate spoke of the NEA Grant the art center is pursuing to help fund the Film Festival. The Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission applied for 2014-15 and were turned down. This grant application is for 2017-18. Susan asked for a letter of support from ELNA. Christine moved to have ELNA write the letter of support. She also volunteered to write the letter. Motion passed.

Phil & John S spoke about the East 9th Project. There has not been much process. The next meeting is 10/28. Concerns expressed include safe bike routes to school and the concept plan.

President's Report: Great Block Party! Thank you to all volunteers and for the donations to help Max & Joe.

Coordinator's Report: Newsletter deadline 10/12; continuing to try to process all the new memberships; made website updates; contacted the Ballard Center for the Adopt a Family. Percolator Kickstarter still has about \$1000 to raise to qualify for matching funds. River Cleanup went well. There will be another one scheduled in the spring.

LAN: Elections coming up. Rental Inspections have brought in \$315,000 in fees, mostly in Oread neighborhood. Violations are increasing.

HRC: New 804 Studio home being built at 12th & Penn.

It was moved to adjourn the meeting by Cindy, seconded by Christine. Meeting adjourned.

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ELNA

General Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPT. 8th, 7-9pm
New York Elementary
9th & New York

Agenda items include:

- ⇒ Adoption of bylaw changes
- ⇒ Review of the Complete Street Design Document from the East Ninth project
- ⇒ Block Party Planning

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Mark Your Calendars

The Annual Block Party Returns

On Saturday, September 26th, from 5--9pm, at Hobbs Park, ELNA will throw its annual block party. Come and join the fun! We will have all our favorite things -- food, entertainment, games and lots of great neighbor-mingling!

The block party can't happen without volunteers. Please read the list of events, and see what kind of help we need. Contact eastlawrence-@yahoo.com to volunteer.

Food! ELNA will supply the drinks and grilled fare. *We ask that all neighbors bring a side dish or dessert to share. Volunteer to take a turn at the grill. Volunteer to be on trash duty.*

Best Dish! By popular demand, our annual Best Dish competition. We want you to bring out your best for the block party. There will be a contest for the best side dishes, dessert and vegetarian fare. *Volunteer to be a judge!*

Cake Walk! Cake Walk! Cake Walk! The cakewalk, a neighborhood favorite, always popular with the kids, is back! *We need you to donate a cake! If you plan to play cake walk, bring a cake!*

Prizes! We always have great door prizes, and we need donations to make this happen. *Donate your art! Go out and ask for donations!* Contact eastlawrence@yahoo.com if you have an item for the prizes.

Music! East Lawrence always brings out its best musicians on this night. *Do you want to help recruit acts and organize sets? Would you and your band like to play?* Contact eastlawrence@yahoo.com if you'd like to play or volunteer.

Bike Repair! Get your bike fixed by our friendly neighborhood bike mechanics. *It's the perfect time to start your bicycle commute!*

ELNA T-shirts! ELNA t-shirts will be for sale at the block party. What fall wardrobe is complete without an ELNA shirt? Maybe we'll even have ELNA hoodies in stock again!

Set-Up & Take-Down! *Be an ELNA hero, volunteer to set up or take down!*

Trash Duty! Not glamorous, but NEEDED! *Volunteer to be on trash duty!*

Bylaws, Elections, and Voting Changes

The bylaws that govern the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association have been under review for the last several months by the ELNA Board and Coordinator, with public input. Some changes made include: an updated list of lifetime members, an addendum for business lifetime memberships and costs, removal of mention of monthly board vs. general board meetings (the distinction has never been clear, definition of what constitutes notice of meeting (to include electronic means), and several points to clarify election procedures and voting eligibility. The final copy to be adopted will be voted on by the Board and attending membership at the September 8th meeting.

Readers will want to pay special attention to the election procedures and voting eligibility as ELNA Board elections are coming up in November. New this year, prospective Board members are asked to declare their intention to serve on the ELNA Board at the October ELNA meeting, October 5th 7-9 pm at the New York School library. As always, only neighborhood individual (not business or nonprofit or out of neighborhood associate) members are eligible to vote for the ELNA board. All Board members must be voting eligible. Officers of the Board (President, Vice President, and Secretary) must have been board members for at least ninety days.

Further questions can be addressed by reviewing the bylaws on the ELNA website or directed to the Coordinator at eastlawrence@yahoo.com.

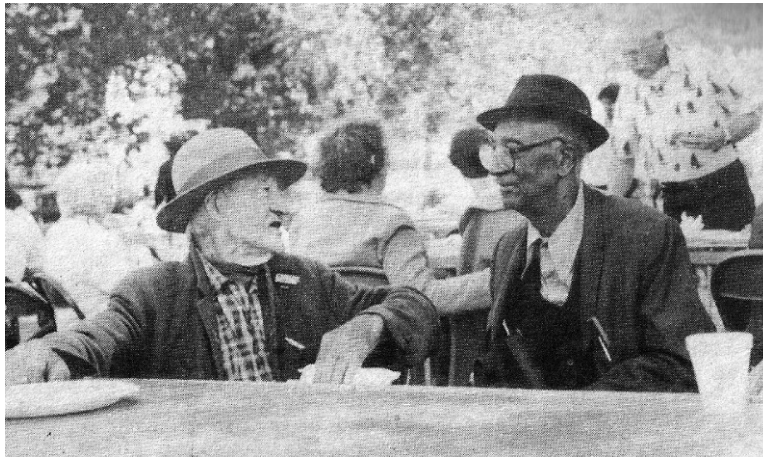
Heartland Has Moved!

– Rachel Hartford, HCHC Community Relations

In July, Heartland Community Health Center, formerly in the Riverfront building at 7th and New York St, moved to the Medical Arts Building (346 Maine Street, Suite 150). This move places Heartland closer to several key community partners, improves its accessibility for patients, and increases Heartland's capacity to provide high-quality, affordable care. Heartland has grown rapidly over the past several years and the organization is now able to serve more patients than ever before in the bigger, more accommodating space!

Heartland Community Health Center remains a non-profit medical clinic committed to serving all people, regardless of income or insurance status, offering primary and mental/behavioral health care to residents of Douglas County and surrounding areas. As a medical clinic that offers integrated care, Heartland provides high-quality care for the whole person: physical, mental, emotional, social, and spiritual. Heartland offers an array of health services all under one roof, including diabetic care and prevention, smoking cessation, behavioral health care, medication assistance, a food pantry, Health Insurance Marketplace enrollment assistance, and much more.

Heartland is accepting new patients and offers same day, next day appointment availability for its patients. Call 785-841-7297 to schedule an appointment or check out heartland-health.org for more information.



"Harry Puckett and Rev. Sims, East Lawrence Picnic 1982"

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<https://lawrencekansas1970s.wordpress.com/public-notice/> check out more great photos there!

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.

Jesse Jones of the Social Service League – interview by Lane Eisenbart

New Social Service League manager, Jesse Jones, visited as a guest at the last ELNA meeting, Monday August 3rd at the Percolator. Jesse was informative and entertaining, and in order to share his words with the neighborhood at large, we asked him these questions:

What is your educational/employment background? Where you comin' from, Jesse?

I am coming from the Wichita area, but have called Lawrence home for 10 years now! I transferred up to KU my junior year and have been in love with the city ever since. I have a Bachelor's degree with double majors in Psychology and Women's Studies with concentrations in human sexuality and gender based violence. While in undergrad, I was given the opportunity to volunteer at the local domestic violence shelter. Working at Women's Transitional Care Services completely changed my life and set me on a lifelong dedication to service. I learned that there are two types of people in this world: 1) People who want to make the world a better place, and 2) People who are crazy enough to think that they can. ;-). I was fortunate enough to have amazing mentors at WTCS who helped guide my comprehensive understanding of human services and what it truly means to be a social justice advocate. I spent 6 years at WTCS (now The Willow) spending my final 4 years as the Children's Program Director. While serving at the Willow I knew that if I wanted to maximize my impact on making this world a better place, I needed an advanced degree. The original plan was international human rights law, but the stars for one reason or another did not align on that path. Instead, I pursued and obtained a Master of Public Administration with concentrations in Nonprofit Management and Public Policy. The dream is to someday run a nonprofit organization working towards the promotion of universal human rights or to run an animal sanctuary. While working on my Master's I wanted to gain some governmental work experience, so I took a job at SRS/DCF and worked in Child Protective Services for three years before returning to my nonprofit roots and taking my current position with SSL.

Why do you choose to serve at the League? Besides the glamour and wealth.

The Social Service League has a very rich and diverse history. I am still working on fact checking for my organizational sales pitch, but I know that the League is the oldest non-faith based nonprofit/charitable organization in Lawrence and Kansas. I have heard rumors that it is the oldest west of the Mississippi and possibly the longest running thrift store in the United States. It has such an amazing history and has helped literally thousands of people over the last 150 years. The fact that the original founders started this organization during the Civil War is pretty mindboggling.

What's your favorite thing about the League?

It would definitely be the rich and diverse history and the grassroots feel of the organization.

What would you like to change there, or, what would you like to stay the same?

The organization has gone through some fairly significant operational, cosmetic, staffing, governance, and cultural changes in the last 2 years, so my leadership approach is going to be geared towards building stability rather than adding more change. The one organizational goal I would like to work on is rebuilding the culture of solidarity with the community. I have heard amazing stories of what the culture of the League used to be, and I would love to work towards restoring that culture.

What do you want people to know about you as the new Social Service League manager?

My name is Jesse Jones. I am a Pisces and I like long walks on the beach and cherry cheesecake. Just kidding! About the beach...I love cherry cheesecake. I am a human rights advocate, social justice activist, and am addicted to Hershey's Syrup and claw machines. My research interests are based in nonprofit organizational theory and social constructionist feminist theory. I am a country boy who enjoys gardening, writing poetry and children's books, as well as working on small gas engines and painting. I am a first generation college student who in lesser words "came from very humble roots." I am honest, compassionate, have a bleeding heart, a python named Lochai, a tarantula named Tahlua, a love for the Oxford comma, and three fish tanks. My favorite color is purple. I am a former amateur bodybuilder and someday would love to learn to play the bagpipes. I will always base the decision making authority vested to me by the governing board of Social Service League to help every individual that walks through the door at 905 Rhode Island. I will always apply my work ethic, professional skills, education and training to fulfill the mission of the organization while developing and executing sustainable nonprofit business practices. I am here to serve the community. I know I have really big shoes to fill, but my feet are size 15 double wide and as flat as can be. They will never fit in Jean Ann's shoes, but I will always do my best to walk in the direction of the spirit of her service. I will always operate with transparency and integrity. If you ever have a need or concern, I have an open door policy and would love to hear from you, just bring chocolate...or cheesecake.

How can the neighborhood, as individuals and as a group, help you and the League?

We are working on developing some new programs and procedures, so please be patient with us as we try to maximize the efficiency of our operational procedures with the limited resources that we have available. We are currently beginning the process of developing a comprehensive volunteer program. If you are interested in volunteering on a scheduled basis or for certain specialty activities or events please feel free to email me. I have several specialty projects I would like to have help with, especially the recycling project. We are always in need of men's clothing and nonperishable food items. As we move forward and I have more specific needs I will be sure to communicate those needs.

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East Ninth Project Update

Upcoming Meetings / Dates

SEPTEMBER 2015

Sept 1: Complete Street Design Document Submitted to City/CAC/Stakeholders

The Complete Street Design Document will be submitted to the City of Lawrence, emailed to all stakeholders, and available for review online shortly thereafter.

Sept 8: ELNA Meeting/Review of Complete Street Design Document

Members of el dorado inc will be at the September ELNA Meeting 7-9pm, New York School library - *please note the date change, from Monday to Tuesday, due to the Labor Day Holiday* - to answer any questions regarding the Complete Street Design Document

Sept 9: LCAC Review of Complete Street Design Document

The Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission will review the Complete Street Design Document at their meeting at the City Commission room at City Hall at 7pm. The public is invited to attend.

Sept 15: City Commission Review of Complete Street Design Document

City Commission Meeting, 5:45, City Hall

OCTOBER 2015

Oct 28: CAC (Citizen Advisory Committee) Meeting

6:30pm Lawrence City Hall, public meeting

Selected East Ninth Artists

As of August 4th, 2015, eight artists have been selected to provide public art pieces for the East Ninth Project -- five for the *East Ninth Artists* and three for *Integrated Works* portions of the Work Plan.

The *East Ninth Artists*, all from Lawrence, are Meredith Moore, Rachael Perry, Nick Carswell, Zia, and Stephen T. Johnson. The *Integrated Works* artists include Jarret Mellenbruch, James Woodfill from KC MO, and Derek Porter from New York City.

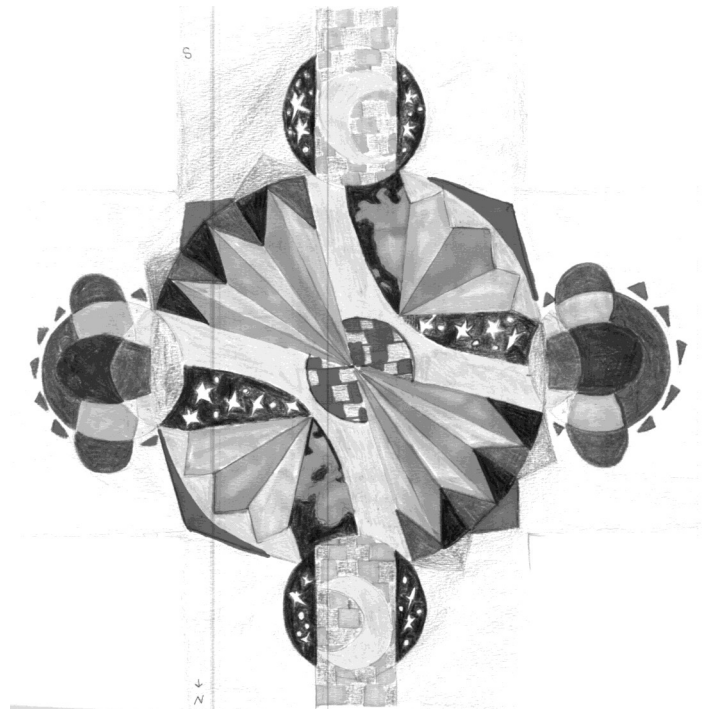
Input for the artists and their projects can be directed to a general East Ninth email address integratedeastninth@gmail.com.

Intersection Repair Update!

A draft of the final design has been completed and we are currently working with the City on additional requirements for the project. We aren't going to be able to have the painting party in September as we had hoped, but we are planning on having it in October at the earliest, or in Spring at the latest.

We appreciate the community's continued support and will continue to keep everyone updated! You can check out our facebook page [facebook.com/lawrenceintersectionrepair](https://www.facebook.com/lawrenceintersectionrepair) for more news and updates. See below for a rough draft of the design, don't hesitate to let Alicia or Katy know if you have any questions or concerns. We can be reached at akellyit@gmail.com or katy.clagett@gmail.com.

Cheers!!



Zoning Update

I now know what hell is like... a City Commission meeting. I attended the City Commission meeting on August 18th, and left after our zoning item, at 10:45 pm.

Planning presented preliminary findings on current zoning of East Lawrence, north of 9th. ELNA requested that the rezoning effort continue by planning. The City Commissioners agreed. The next steps are for planning to continue more detailed research on current usage for each property and identify use that doesn't fit any current category. There are single family dwellings, more than one single family dwelling on one property, duplexes, and multi-family units to name a few. I will keep everyone informed as more activities occur. Any questions, please contact me.

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free legal help

If You Need Legal Help - Where Can you Go?

Whether it be for a traffic, criminal, civil or other legal issue, each week at the District Attorney's Office, we get calls from people who do not already have a private attorney, but they find themselves in the position of needing immediate legal advice. These people turn to our office because they do not know where to go for help. Unfortunately, our office is statutorily prohibited from providing legal advice to private citizens and we cannot make attorney recommendations or refer the callers to specific attorneys. In response to this need within our community, this month I want to provide information on the Kansas Bar Association's (KBA) 'Call-a-Lawyer' phone line.

In the KBA's June 5 press release, they encouraged anyone who needs legal advice to call 800-928-3111 between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. The first service was held on June 11 and it will repeated the second Thursday of each month. Attorneys donate their time to answer questions and provide legal advice and information. The volunteer attorneys are members of either the Kansas Bar Association or the Topeka Bar Association and can provide information on many legal issues. There is no charge for the service.

What if your issue cannot wait until the next 'Call-a-Lawyer' date? The Kansas Bar Association runs two on-going programs that may be of assistance to you. The first is the Lawyer Referral Service (see number listed above). The KBA can give you the name and contact information of a lawyer with experience in the applicable area of law that you are seeking. That lawyer will provide you an initial consultation for 30 minutes for no more than \$15. The KBA also runs the Lawyer Advice Line through the same number. The Lawyer Advice Line will connect you with an attorney who can give you immediate legal advice about your legal issue for a fee of \$3.00 per minute. The amount is billed to your phone bill or to a credit card.

The KBA also provides pamphlets on a number of legal issues such as Aging and the Law, Is a Living Trust for You?, Living Wills and the Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care Decisions and more. For a full list of available pamphlets, see this link: [Kansas Bar Pamphlets](#). Some pamphlets are also available in Spanish.

I hope if you find yourself in need of legal advice and if you do not already have a private attorney, that these resources may be of assistance to you or a family member. If you have a legal issue that involves a consumer protection issue, please remember that our office has a consumer protection division. If you have a consumer complaint, please call our consumer division at 785-330-2849. We have consumer information available on our webpage at District Attorney Consumer Information. We are always ready to serve the citizens of Douglas County.

Sincerely yours,
Charles E. Branson, District Attorney

July 1, 2015
Raymond Hall

SNAKE STEW – part one

The cottonmouth's a snake a few Mainers see.
Unless they've visited a southern state,
and tromped along a river bed down there.

In Eastern Kansas, cottonmouths are found
up every creek, ravine, and river east
of Hayes, the Smoker Hills, and Wichita.

The cottonmouth's a thick, and tapered, snake,
slate grey, built for speed on ground, or water.
It's always making S's as it glides.

They're shy when by themselves, bolder clustered.
If you want to see just one, creep slowly
up to a place where water sets in woods;

you'll get there just in time to watch it scoot.
But if you see a nest of cottonmouths,
you're too close. Turn around and skedaddle.

Then, when you're hunting them, take a precise
and fast semi-auto rifle shooter.

The meat's good for stews, skin's good for hat bands.

The .22 and twelve gauge semi's work.
I went for cottonmouths the first time with
a partner on a fabrication line.

We lived and worked in a mean, lumpen town,
like alert New Englanders catch wind of,
you know, with feral dogs, pigs, and children.

He told me he hunted them with his dad
until his dad was killed, sotted, one day
when they were out harvesting bullfrog legs.

You couldn't say he was a good old boy:
he stayed home, happy with his family,
until his wife divorced him, took the kids,

and half the livestock. He'd watched me shoot. He
knew that I hadn't hunted cottonmouth.
I really didn't know that much about

the tricks of hunting in the damper parts,
as I'd hunted mostly in the Flint Hills,
upriver from this wet, subtropical,

flat region, where the creeks are more like sloughs.
He'd brought along a pint of moonshine white,
a .22 semi, a gunny sack.

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**October ELNA Meeting
Monday, October 5th, 7-9pm
New York School Library
Agenda Items TBD**

Love in the East Bottoms, or, Whatever Happened to Miss Lowry

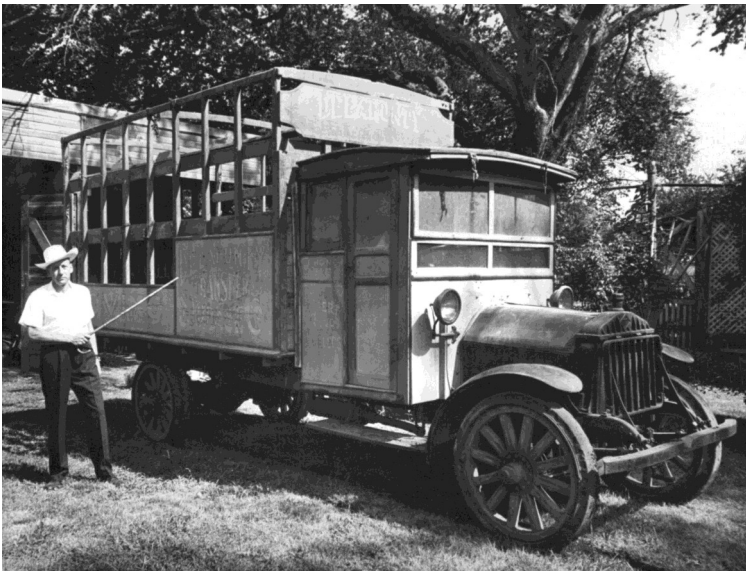
– Lane Eisenbart

Rhody Delahunty was an upstanding citizen, as far as Lawrence Journal World archives are concerned. He came to Lawrence from Ireland in the 1860s, and finding railroad work didn't suit him so well, Rhody established a business and home at 1106 Rhode Island. (1106 Rhode Island is the site currently undergoing remodel/ rehabilitation by Hernly and Associates, best remembered as the "Packard graveyard" lot on the corner of 11th and Rhode Island, across the street from the Judicial Center.) Rhody Delahunty and his carriage service specialized in trucking, moving, and storage, notably hauling much of the building material used to build Fraser Hall.¹

Rhody's son, Tom Delahunty, born at the 1106 home in 1884, took over his father's business in 1919 and continued the family moving and storage service, purchasing his famous and picturesque Diamond T truck to do the hauling. (pictured.) It was the first big truck in Lawrence, Delahunty claimed, and it carried everything from pianos to hay to ladies of the Daughters of the American Revolution and their flowers to local cemeteries each Memorial Day. Tom lived and worked nearly 80 years at 1106 Rhode Island.¹

Rhody Delahunty's hardworking, pioneering ethic and Tom's fancy truck have been much discussed and archived in local newspapers and museums. What's less commonly reported for posterity is Tom's affection for hard liquor and a woman of color named Etta Lowry.

Tom was a known rogue. He was jailed for brawling and drunkenness on numerous occasions. He was unapologetic and bold in his misbehavior, even going so far in 1913 as to get thoroughly intoxicated and wanting to fight *while still in jail* for intoxication and fighting. To manage the feat, all Tom Delahunty needed was a friend, a bottle of whiskey, and a two-foot long insulation tube. A friend of Tom's stood outside the jail, under the pretense of talking with him through the bars (security was a different thing then) while watching some nearby construction. The spaces between the bars of the cell window were too small to pass the bottle of whiskey through, so the friend placed the bottle of whiskey in his pocket, one end of the tubing in the bottle, and the other end threaded through the bars. Tom drank his fill and the stunt was



only discovered when authorities noticed that Tom's friend had been lingering suspiciously long. The friend escaped and Tom's jailers found Tom, still in his cell, "gloriously drunk" and "feeling sure he could whip the entire police force with his hands tied behind him."⁶

Etta Lowry was a formidable woman. In September of 1915, she shot at a former lover (not Tom) "for quitting"² her, but decided against killing him, even though she had two bullets left and he lay prone at her feet, having fallen running from her. And once, when arrested for public drunkenness, (with Tom) Etta was about to be released from custody to presumably "go out and earn the money" for her fine, she decorously produced the \$6.50 the judge didn't believe she had from her handbag and "hiked out of the court room."³

The juiciest tidbits of the Tom and Etta romance tale take place in March of 1908 and February 1914.

Around ten in the evening in March of 1908, Tom and his date, a woman named Minnie Keene, went to the Santa Fe Depot (still the station at 7th and New York Streets) to visit Tom's brother who passing through. Etta Lowry, who had been involved with Tom for some years according to police reports, found Tom and his lady friend at the station and became incensed at Tom's unfaithfulness. Because Etta was the kind of lady to keep a .38 caliber revolver in her purse, *Etta shot Tom*. Twice! Wounding him once in each leg, mid thigh and hip. She attempted to shoot the other woman, but her gun jammed.⁴

Apparently, attempted murder wasn't enough to break up the romance, and Tom and Etta carried on for years after. In February of 1914, Tom was out of jail on parole but bored with the sober life, and so took a night out with Etta. (To add context to the situation, it is understood that at the time these events took place, the consumption of alcohol in Lawrence was a clandestine affair, occurring only in gentlemen's clubs and the occasional house of ill repute on the East Side or, as it was known then, the East Bottoms. Tom, being a working class Irishman, and Etta, being a woman of color, the couple were not welcome at reputable establishments and had to make do on the East Side. It is also understood in the context of the time, that the East Side was home majorly to people of color and work yards.) It was undoubtedly a chilly night, or very early morning, approximately 2am mid-February when Etta flagged down a cab with her hand muff. Tom and Etta got in the cab, telling the driver to take them to a house on New Jersey Street. Along the way, Etta somehow broke one of the cab's windows. What exactly transpired between Etta and Tom and the cabbie over the broken window is unclear, but the cab driver ultimately stayed for a few drinks at the destination. When he was ready to leave, the cab driver asked that he be paid for the window and the ride and an altercation ensued. Three on one, the cabbie was beaten and hit over the head with a bottle, splitting his scalp. The next morning, the cab driver told police about what had taken place, and neither Tom Delahunty nor Etta Lowry were anywhere to be found.⁷

As late as May of 1915, archives show Tom and Etta getting rowdy, and getting arrested, together.⁵

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Community Village Lawrence: New Volunteer Transportation Program - Accepting Applications for Riders and Drivers

Community Village Lawrence is a volunteer-driven non-profit that offers services and support to residents who wish to remain in their homes as they age. We are a group of members and volunteers with the mission to create a network of neighborly support by connecting people to whatever help they need, whether it be a ride to the doctor, help around the house, or a recommended roofing expert.

For people who wish to age in place, losing the ability to drive, or diminished mobility can make it difficult to remain engaged with the community and access important services. CVL will work with and supplement the existing transportation agencies in Lawrence by providing volunteer rides to seniors who need assistance attending medical appointments, shopping for groceries or attending social and education events. We especially want to fill the gaps in service by offering weekend and evening rides, door-to-door support, assistance at destinations (like grocery shopping) and other services.

On September 1, CVL will launch a pilot transportation program that will provide free rides for a 7-week period. This pilot period will allow us to collect feedback, evaluate the program and refine the scheduling and volunteer coordination. The limited scale of the pilot ensures safe and thorough coordination of the drivers and riders while we gain experience. When Community Village Lawrence launches a full range of members services in January, transportation will be just one of many services that members can request.

Applications for the pilot transportation program must be received by September 12.

To request an application please contact Community Village Lawrence at 785-505-0187.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities with this grass-roots community organization please give us a call or visit our website:

www.CommunityVillageLawrence.org

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How can someone contact you if they need anything or have questions?

You can call or come into the store during normal business hours 10:00am – 6:00pm Tuesday-Saturday (785)843-5414 or you can email me at sslstoremanager@gmail.com. I am usually doing 100 things at once, so I am not able to respond to emails during the day, but will try to respond within 48 hours.

In Peace and Solidarity

Jesse

The Sunrise Project has the Sunrise Garden Center!

The Sunrise Project is excited to announce that Sunrise Green, LLC., with Dave and Susan Millstein as primary investors, has officially purchased the former Sunrise Garden Center! This means that the Sunrise Project will definitely operate from this ideal location!

The Sunrise team is grateful for their partnership with the Millsteins, which has led to securing this nearly three-acre site on the edge of Barker and East Lawrence Neighborhoods. Sunrise Project has raised over \$75,000, but in order to move into the site, they need your continued support! As a new non-profit, they need both operating costs and the funds to either purchase or rent space on the site. Please consider donating at <http://sunriseprojectks.org> or send checks to P.O. Box 1454, Lawrence, 66044. Feel free to contact them with any questions about how your contribution will be used, or to volunteer with the organization before committing to a donation!

With the necessary support, Sunrise Project anticipates operating its programs more fully by fall of this year! Those programs include Healthy Sprouts Farm to Preschool, Food Rocket (cooking club for elementary-aged children), Lawrence Fruit Tree Project and now Summer of Service (youth volunteer program), which was recently transferred to Sunrise from the United Way! They will continue to pilot new programs as they grow, empowering people to live healthy, self-determined lives through engagement with food and the environment to build a socially just community!

Save the Date

Fall River Clean Up

A Fall Riverfront Clean Up is tentatively planned for October 3rd from 8am – 2pm. Watch our Thursday ELNA News email and our Facebook page for more details as they emerge through September. If you're afraid of missing it, email the Coordinator at eastlawrence@yahoo.com and ask to be added to the Work Days list.

Love . . . continued from p. 6

We know what happened to Tom Delahunty; he died at the age of 82 in a nursing home, here in Lawrence, having never married or fathering children, still proud of his Diamond T.¹ But, what about Etta? Aside from her antics, we don't know much about Etta Lowry. Where did she live? How old was she when she met Tom? What did she do for a living? Did she marry? Did she have children? Are there any pictures of her? Did Etta *ever* succeed in killing any of her no-good boyfriends? Though the love? story of Tom Delahunty and Etta Lowry conjures fascinating images it leaves us with as many questions. Whatever happened, we wonder, to Miss Lowry?

Thanks to Dave Evans for research provided and picture credit to the Spencer Research Library, Kansas Collection. References for this piece can be found on our website under the tab "Dave Evans!"

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Your \$1.00 membership in ELNA and contact information help us represent East Lawrence in our city and county government and to meet the needs of our neighborhood. Please note, memberships are per individual, not per household.

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\$10.00 for in-neighborhood non-profit entities \$20.00 for in-neighborhood businesses
\$100.00 lifetime individual membership

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Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

- 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:
ELNA, PO Box 442393 Lawrence KS 66044

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: _____

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ELNA

General Meeting

MONDAY, NOV. 2nd, 7-9pm

New York Elementary

9th & New York

Agenda item includes:

⇒ ELNA Board Elections

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ELNA Board Elections and Candidates 2015-2016 Year

Annual Meeting Monday November 2nd 7pm at New York School

The ELNA Board is comprised of a maximum of 14 members. Our bylaws require that the previous year's president must retain his or her seat on the Board into the following year. Only 13 seats are open for re-election at this time.

The seat of the Board member who holds the Treasurer's position WILL be up for re-election, contrary to previous statements.

The candidates for the ELNA Board, along with each person's contact information, are listed below. You may contact each personally with questions regarding his or her opinions and positions on neighborhood issues.

All bonafide, resident in-neighborhood ELNA members may vote to select a maximum of 13 of these 23 to represent as the ELNA Board.

Current Board Candidates

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ELNA Adopts-a-Family for the Holidays

Want to help ELNA adopt a family for the holiday season?

Each year, the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association adopts a family (or two) in need of assistance through the Ballard Center. As a group, we purchase gift cards and gifts for the selected family. In the coming weeks, we will receive a wish list of items from the family. As soon as we acquire this list, we will be looking for neighbors to purchase and donate gifts. If you would like to volunteer to donate items, contact Christine Kosirog, 218-6786 or ckosirog@yahoo.com, or Lane at eastlawrence@yahoo.com.

ELNA Presidents of the Past: A Retrospective -- Lane Eisenbart

I asked all former ELNA presidents still available for contact to reflect on their time as President --when they served, and what they felt was the defining issue of their presidencies. I also allowed for each to elaborate as they wished.

Josh Davis Nov 2012 – Nov 2013

The biggest issue in my time was the designation of Lawrence's "Cultural District", comprised primarily of East Lawrence in addition to downtown.

Leslie Soden interim June 2011 – Nov 2012

I served as President from August 2011 to November 2012. A month after I became President, the development plans for the Marriott Hotel building at 9th & New Hampshire appeared. I spent most of my term working on that project, and while I wouldn't use the word "fun" to describe that time, it stretched my personal boundaries of what I thought I could and couldn't do. If it weren't for that time, I wouldn't have become fascinated with city hall issue and politics, which eventually led to me becoming a Lawrence City Commissioner last April. Representing diverse voices is hard work, but incredibly meaningful for me.

I wrote these words for the March 2012 ELNA newsletter as President, and they still apply today:

"Living in Old East Lawrence for 8 years, it certainly seems like we are constantly fighting off other, more influential people and what they think our neighborhood should be. Behind the vague adjectives of "revitalize" and "improve" and "unstable" and "blight" runs a basic undercurrent that there is just something wrong with our neighborhood and that it needs to change. But people choose to live in our neighborhood for how it is now! Flowing through our neighborhood are the twin philosophies of "live and let live" and "one person's trash is another person's treasure". While "open-minded" is merely a buzzword for some people, it is an actual way of life here, and people really respond to that refreshing change of attitude."

Deron Belt Nov 2009 – June 2011

"I have little recollection of any one defining issue during my time with ELNA. I will say that I am very grateful to have been given the opportunity to contribute. My fondest memories are those where the collaborative efforts of neighbor's came to fruition in reaching a common goal (i.e. block party, YART sale, a BCRT clean-up, and so on).

I do remember pondering the pace of change within the neighborhood. East Lawrence is a stew of changing pieces, persons, and place. The neighborhood is steeped in a history of passionate citizenry with a penchant for the dramatic. I believe that this tireless intensity has served the neighborhood well. Still, change is difficult. We literally cannot stop this change from happening. Often the process of change is slow. Other times fast, maybe too fast for those whose voices may go unheard. Even change intended for the betterment of all can leave some with profound feelings of loss and fear. How do we account for these folks? These are real people with concerns, whether we agree with them or not.

That said, I do think it's helpful when parties contributing to change are mindful of what came before them and to what may follow as a consequence of their actions. Showing some compassion and empathy may go long way to being perceived as neighborly. While it may be the very least we can do assuage fears, it's certainly worthy of the effort."

Phil Collison Nov 2006 – Nov 2009

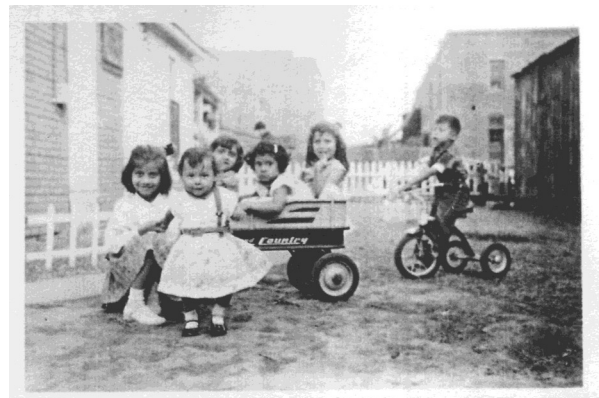
"I was ELNA President during a quiet period in the 'hood. Things had quieted down in the 800 Penn area. During my time as President, we worked on trying to build a more inclusive ELNA with the introduction of the Thursday ELNA News, and we also created the first ELNA website. The KVKL Sunday Night game came to Hobbs Park and ELNA began selling concessions there. I continue to live in the neighborhood and continue to advocate for our neighbors."

Janet Good Nov 2003 – Nov 2006

"The big issues in my time as President were Bo Harris at 8th and Pennsylvania and Krause Fine Dining. Bo Harris wanted to construct a brownstone live-play-work kind of inclusive development. (The economy tanking took that one down.) These two issues were very similar to what's happening now, in that they divided the neighborhood, especially between newer residents and long established ones. Bo Harris said that he thought EL would gentrify no matter what ELNA or the residents did, because of where it is in Lawrence. Sadly, he might be right. We'll lose something great if it does.

EL is what it is, great, because it was allowed to change very organically. No major development made it what it is, the people who have lived here fighting to keep it an affordable single family neighborhood, while preserving it's history, have. There would be no neighborhood at all had people not fought for it all along."

To illustrate her feeling of what she felt might be lost, Janet included some of her favorite historical East Lawrence pictures – "of the hispanic neighborhood that was at 8th and Penn and bulldozed to make way for the "eastern bypass" before people realized what was coming and stopped it."



8th and Pennsylvania



River Clean Up Thanks

Thanks to everyone who came out October 3rd to help clean up the River. The weather was perfect and we had a bountiful harvest!

Thanks Tom Harper, Joshua Davis, Aaron Paden, Oscar Paden, Elliot Paden, Benjamin Wright, Katy Meston Ward, Jenine Meston, Daniel Ward, Lexi Meston Ward, Dani Flani, Daina Bitters, Zoe Bitters, Charlotte Pessoni, Linda Lips, Matthew Bellemere, Cris Combs, Erin Besson and Family, Goldy Stephens, Melissa Freiburger!!!

Let's do it again in the Spring!

~Mike Myers

Block Party Thanks

Thank you! That was a pretty good party, neighbors, and we couldn't have done it without your help. Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time, donated raffle items, played music, and set up their tables to inform us about some stuff. And special thanks to everyone who brought delicious food for us to share!

Lindsey Frye	Aaron Paden
Russel Benke	KT Walsh
Lisa Marie Benke	Michael Davis
Cindy Suenram	Patrick Watkins
Arch Naramore	John Myers
Gotfred Beardshear	John Sebelius
Greg Herrod	Phil Collison
Rowyn Fisher	Chris Lempa
Jason Fisher	Mike Rheim
Brenda Nunez	Eric Farnsworth
Pam Blackburn	Community Village
Scott Blackburn	Lawrence
Christine Kosirog	Sunrise Project
Blue O'Leary	Intersection Repair
Tim VonHolten	Erin Adamson
Cari Davis	Lawrence Percolator
Stephen Mason	Emily Myers
Annie Neri	Jacki Becker
Eric and Josie Jay	James Krause
Josh Davis	Sugarfoot Detour
Joe Bickford	Clementine
Mike Myers	Tony Peterson

Decade
The Recyclery
Cottin's Hardware
Ladybird Diner
Aimee's Coffeehouse
La Familia
KH and Irene
Acme T-Shirt
Burger Stand
Dave Loewenstein
The Roost
Liberty Hall
Merchants
Mass Relaxation
Yankee Tank Brewing
Pride of Gumbo
Screen Printing

Lane Eisenbart did all the things, and her board won't let her publish the list without including herself, even if it's lame.

Neighborhood Thanks from KT

Neighbors would like to extend special thanks to Shelley Wakeman for her (pro bono legal) help to our friend and neighbor, Leon, at 1231 Pennsylvania. Her willingness to help Leon is appreciated. We'd also like to thank neighbor Don Kantory for his assistance in bringing attention to the rehabilitation of the Amtrak Depot. Don put lots of work into the project in its early stages and we appreciate that, too!

We have a Twitter too!

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



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Block Party

September 2015



Downtown Grocery Project Current Status and Goals

The Downtown Grocery Store core group has met weekly for nearly three years, and continues to work toward our common goal of an affordable full-line store to serve downtown and the surrounding neighborhoods, which comprise a federally-recognized food desert. A recent news story described a renewed focus on the site at 7th and New Hampshire, the building formerly occupied by Borders bookstore. (Because of limited space for parking, the 11th and Mass project plans no longer include a grocery store.) We are very pleased that the building owner, our city commission, and adjacent neighborhoods are all pulling in the same direction to make a downtown grocery store a reality. We are encouraged that multiple grocers and a pharmacy are seriously interested in establishing downtown retail locations. The Old West Lawrence neighborhood association has supported the downtown grocery store project since the beginning. As plans move forward, your support, and that of the other central-city neighborhoods, is still vital to the success of the project.

Thank you for your continued support, and please let me know your thoughts or questions about the project.

Downtown Grocery Committee
Dave Crawford, committee chair
dave@davecrawford.org
785.218.4279 txt/voice

How to get around on the bus in Lawrence

Many people know that the City and KU created a coordination transit system a few years ago. What it means is that riders can get on any bus in Lawrence and pay only one fare. Whether you see a blue bus that says “KU” or “T” on it, anyone is welcome to ride.

Lawrence Transit System provides service in East Lawrence with several routes. Routes 1, 11, and 15 all have bus stops in the neighborhood. All three of those routes connect to the downtown hub at 7th & Vermont, where you can transfer to reach other parts of the city.



Route 1 offers service between Downtown and Prairie Park. Route 11 connects Downtown with the KU campus and 31st & Iowa. Route 15 goes from Downtown to the Peaslee Center and East Hills Business Park.

So, how much does the bus cost? If you pay cash, it is \$1.00 for full fare and \$.50 for reduced fare. Reduced fare applies to those in grades K-12, Haskell students, seniors age 60 and over, or people who have a T Lift or Medicare card. Bus

New York Garden Club News

Some very exciting things are happening with New York School Garden Club! The New York School garden is now officially a participant in the District’s Farm 2 School garden program. With some help from the School District, we hope the school garden produce will be served in the school cafeteria with breakfast and lunch meals as early as this spring. Fantastic news! AND, The American Institute of Architecture Students at KU has selected New York as their project for the year. Each year this group of student architects picks a project to design and build for a group of handicapped or low income individuals. They raise all the money and do all the construction. Mrs. Saltz and Mrs. DeGarmo have met with their lead student and decided to build a shed in the SE quadrant of the playground for our garden! The plan is to design and fund-raise for the project this winter, and to begin building a very unique and kid-accessible structure in early spring. If we can raise enough money, we will also get a greenhouse! Please stay tuned for upcoming fundraising/ donation opportunities. Some ideas in the works are a partnership with Cottin’s Hardware, direct donation of building materials from friends and neighbors, a Chipotle fundraiser, a can collection, and an event for silent auction. Also, keep a look out in early spring for the call for new Garden Club members. With questions and ideas, contact Mrs. Saltz ssaltz@usd497.org. For frequent updates, check out the New York Elementary Garden Facebook group.

passes can be purchased at Dillons, Hy-Vee, The Merc and City Hall. Monthly passes are \$34 for full fare and \$17 for reduced fare, and 10-Ride punch cards are \$10 for full fare and \$5 for reduced fare.

Buses run from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday – Saturday. For after-hours service, you can schedule a ride on the Night Line by calling (785) 312-7054 Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Night Line will pick you up and drop you off anywhere in Lawrence. It runs from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday – Saturday. The fare is \$2.00, cash only.

For assistance with route planning, call (785) 864-4644 to speak to a customer service representative. Transit Guides with maps and schedules are available at most grocery stores, City Hall, or the Public Library. An online trip planning tool can suggest multiple ways to reach a destination. Try it out at www.lawrencetransit.org.

To get real-time information on when the next bus will arrive, you can download the app “MV Transit Where’s My Bus,” available on both iTunes and Google Play. You can also send a text to (785) 312-2414 with the bus stop number as the message. All bus stops have the stop number displayed on the sign. You will receive a message back with the upcoming bus arrival times for that stop.

For more information on Lawrence Transit services, go to www.lawrencetransit.org.

Safe Winter Walkways Program

The City of Lawrence and Douglas County Senior Services needs your help! The Safe Winter Walkways program kicks off this week and volunteers are needed to help elderly or disabled individuals clear public sidewalks during snow events.

Able-bodied Lawrence residents with a passion for helping others and an enjoyment of winter weather are needed to volunteer for the Safe Winter Walkways program. The goal of the Safe Winter Walkways program is to create safer and more accessible pedestrian walkways. This is a joint effort of the City of Lawrence and Douglas County Senior Services (DCSS). Volunteers will be matched with residents needing assistance with snow removal for the winter season.

In 2014, 87-percent of people who signed up for help did get paired with a volunteer. Last year, 80 households signed up for assistance but 10 people were unfortunately not paired with volunteers due to the demand for the program and a need for more volunteers.

This year, the city is again offering online registration for participants and volunteers. Visit www.lawrenceks.org/safe_winter_walkways to sign up for the program. This year, the program will close participant sign up on November 20, 2015. This date has been selected so that participants and volunteers can be matched prior to the holiday season, and hopefully, prior to snow season.

"This program is an excellent resource for members of our community who physically can't keep their sidewalks clear during snow events," said Megan Gilliland, communications manager for the city. "This program is a structured version of what has happens in many neighborhoods - neighbors helping neighbors. With volunteers, we can make certain that the neighbors can count on a volunteer to be there if snow needs to be removed."

"This year, it is critical that anyone who is interested in volunteering sign up in advance," said Gilliland. "Our program is most effective when the volunteers and residents are paired up before bad weather hits and we can react quickly."

Volunteer groups, civic organizations and youth groups are encouraged to consider volunteering as a team. Please contact Larry Woydziak with DCSS to find out how to sign up as a group and requirements for volunteering.

"This program is for public sidewalks only," said Woydziak. "We give priority to homes with public sidewalks and volunteers are not required to provide snow removal for private driveways, sidewalks or walkways--this is left to the volunteer's discretion."

Volunteers can sign up by calling (785) 832-3338 or registering online at www.lawrenceks.org/safe_winter_walkways.

ELNA is on Facebook!

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

July 1, 2015

Raymond Hall

SNAKE STEW – part two

I carried my 12-gauge sawed-off semi.
We headed down the Neosho River,
to Cow Creek, its tall trees dimly crowding,
the mud, primeval; dank, musty ragweeds.
A railroad bridge crossed it, up fifty yards.
It clouded up quickly. Some raindrops plunked.
"They're easier to spot on days like this,"
he said. Two bullfrogs croaked. He had a plan.
He'd walk through the woods to the railroad bridge.
He'd wait there for the snakes I could scare up.
"We'll shoot enough for a snake stew pig-out
with a keg of Coors for the neighborhood.
He started out, then hesitated. "Dad
was killed up there. " He pointed at the bridge.
At my respectful nod, he continued,
"He and I were here for bullfrog legs then.
He had a pint of moonshine white. He was
nipping at it, he stretched out on that bridge.
I was shooting frogs, and I had got to here,
when I heard the train. I ran, waving my
arms, yelling, Dad! Get the heck down from there!
He dropped, decapitated. The creek
was shallow there. Then like a chicken with
his head chopped off, he ran." He watched me blanch.
He straightened up, and as he headed out,
said, "See you later," disappearing fast
in the gloom. Suddenly, he was perching
on that railroad bridge. Then chugging the pint,
leaning back further, and further, let his
legs dangle, the only part of him that
I could see. I heard a train. I jumped in,
running in that shallow, soiled water.
I shot his legs. He was too far away.
The train tunelessly rumbled and roared on.
Nothing was left above his chin; just two
red, pulsing, vertical wires. He stumbled.
Dark, gray cottonmouth snakes, mouths white inside,
seized festively. A dozen. Then some more.
And then, on top of that, a viper
head popped up too close. He watched me, briefly.
And sullied. I got a head shot in time.
It wrapped my arm, lovingly, going home.
I fillet out two pounds of stewing meat.
I didn't take off for the funeral.
So what? He hardly was a good old boy.

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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: _____